



Mary Shull Tarman Storey

March 25, 1942 - March 25, 2024

On Monday, March 25th, Mary Shull Tarman Storey passed peacefully on her 82nd birthday. Shully had been in declining health over the past few months, but had most recently been thrilled to spend precious time with the newest member of her family that made her a Great Grandmother - her namesake Emerson Shull Lee.

Shully was born in Statesville, NC to William Edgar Tarman and Mary Eleanor Steele Tarman on March 25, 1942. She was valedictorian of her class at Troutman High School, graduating in 1960. Shully graduated from Wake Forest University in 1964 with a degree in Mathematics. Following graduation, she was employed by Bell Laboratories as a computer programmer on the Atlas missile project.

Shully married Ned Alton Storey in 1965. He always jokingly told his grandchildren that he met Shully after walking past the church at Wake Forest and hearing her singing, but they actually met on a blind date. They were blessed with one son – Ned Andrew Storey.

Her love of math eventually led her to a career spanning many years as a teacher in Winston Salem, and eventually Salisbury. After leaving full-time teaching to raise her son, Andy, she took much pleasure spending many years privately tutoring students in advanced mathematics.

Shully also led a life of example in service to both church and community. She was a long tenured member of First United Methodist Church of Salisbury and held multiple leadership positions at the Church. Her volunteerism there included being a member of both the Chancel and handbell choirs, a certified Disciple leader, Sunday school teacher, and she served on multiple committees. She also served numerous local philanthropic organizations including Community Care Clinic, Rowan Hospital Foundation and Historic Salisbury Foundation. Shully was especially known for her flair in interior design and entertaining, and opened her home to graciously host and support multiple fundraising events over the years, including putting her home on tour multiple times for the Historic Salisbury Foundation.

Shully was preceded in death by her husband Ned in 2020. She is survived by her son Andy Storey and wife Diana, her granddaughter Katelyn Shull Storey Lee and husband Alex Lee and great grand-daughter Emerson Shull Lee, and grandson Spencer Andrew Storey. Shully is also survived by her brother Jim Tarman (Jane) of Statesville, nieces Laura Tarman of Hapeville, GA, Janie Tarman Smith (Brandon) of Pensacola, FL, nephews Bill Tarman (Ali) of Chapel Hill, NC, John Tarman (Phoebe) of Charlottesville, VA and 5 great nieces and nephews.

The family acknowledges with great appreciation the many years of support received by Shully's life-long dear friends and neighbors Dr. Myron Goodman and Mary Goodman, and most recently the support of Dr. Amin Patel and the caring staff at Trinity Oaks.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, March 30th at 2pm at First United Methodist Church, 217 S. Church Street, Salisbury, NC 28144. A brief visitation with the family will be held in the Church's fellowship hall following the service.

In lieu of flowers memorials can be shared with First United Methodist Church, 217 S. Church Street, Salisbury, NC 28144 or a charity of the donor's choice.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Storey family. Online condolences may be made at www.summersettfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR **30**. 2:00 PM (ET)

First United Methodist Church
217 S. Church St.
Salisbury, NC 28144

Tribute Wall

RM

“ I’ve written an extended remembrance of Mary Shull, too long for this page. If you want a copy of it, please email me at mckenzie@uc.i.edu. I was in her 1960 Troutman class. Richard (Dickie) McKenzie

Richard McKenzie - April 06, 2024 at 08:23 PM

CH

“ Rick Costello wants to send condolences to Andy, his family Rick is now living at the Meadows of Rockwell but misses all of his church family. Rick is physically unable to come to the service. Carol Hylton

Carol Hylton - March 30, 2024 at 12:52 AM

GS

“ 1 file added to the album GOTH (Girls On The Hall) Wake Forest * Class of '64



Ginny Saunders - March 28, 2024 at 11:25 AM

KV

“ My deepest condolences to Andy and family. Your mom was such a lovely person and good neighbor.

Kathleen VanderGast - March 28, 2024 at 09:12 AM

LW

“ We remember Shully so fondly from our Wake Forest days. She had a wonderful sense of humor. How special that she had the chance to treasure her first great grandchild. Libby and Harold Woodell

Libby Tucker Woodell - March 27, 2024 at 07:45 PM

WG

“ I am deeply sorry for your loss. She will be missed but know that God and your precious memories will see you through these sad times. I always kept up with how she was doing through my niece Lynn Messick. God bless the family always.

*Wanda Golden
Mooresville N.C.*

Wanda W Golden - March 27, 2024 at 07:28 PM



MF

All of us who knew Shully were truly blessed by her friendship. She was a wonderful person, and she will be missed by many people. I am sending up prayers for Andy and his family.

Mary Lou Faircloth - April 01, 2024 at 02:04 PM