



Mary "Polly" S. Ritchie

January 3, 1925 - March 7, 2010

Mary Shoaf "Polly" Ritchie, 85, of Salisbury died Sunday, March 7, 2010 at Autumn Care of Salisbury.

Born January 3, 1925 in Rowan County, she was the daughter of the late Ruby Beatty Shoaf and O. C. Shoaf, Sr.. She was educated in the Rowan County schools, and graduated from Mt. Ulla High School and Mitchell College.

Earlier in her life she was employed in the Billing Department of Cannon Mills, Kannapolis and in the Food Service for the Rowan Vocational Workshop. She retired from Food Service at the W. G. Hefner VA Medical Center.

Mrs. Ritchie was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, she served on various committees of the Church, the Church Council and the Call Committee, the Grace Ridenhour Circle of W.E.L.C.A, the Alter Guild, the Friendship Club, served in the Nursery, taught Sunday School, visited nursing homes and shut ins and was a former member of Thyatira Presbyterian Church, the Spencer Women's Club, and was a volunteer reader at Koontz Elementary School Kindergarten Classes.

She was preceded in death by her sisters, Catherine Macdonald, Helen Hurlocker, and Mildred Nanney and brothers, Kenneth Shoaf and Melvin

Shoaf.

Survivors include her husband, Herman G. Ritchie, whom she married May 27, 1960, daughters, Robin Seropian and husband Paul of Salisbury, Ronda Ritchie and husband Lynden Anthony of Manning, SC, brother, O. C. Shoaf, Jr. and wife Jewell of Mt. Ulla; grandchildren, Lawson Seropian, Trevor Seropian, Luke Seropian, and Bo Anthony.

Funeral services will be conducted 2:00 PM – Wednesday at St. Paul's Lutheran Church with the Rev. William Ketchie officiating. Mrs. Ritchie will lie in state 30 minutes before the service. Interment will follow at St. Paul's Lutheran Church Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 6-8:00 PM Tuesday at the Summersett Funeral Home and at other times the family will be at the residence of Robin Seropian.

Memorials may be made to St. Paul's Lutheran Church Parrish Nurse, 205 St. Paul's Church Rd., Salisbury, NC 28146 or the American Cancer Society, Rowan Relay for Life, c/o Frances Morris, 1103 Burkesway Dr., Salisbury, NC 28146

Tribute Wall



“ I admire Mrs Ritchie for all the service she gave the church and the community of St Paul's.##imported-begin##Georganne Sebastian##imported-end##

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“ Robin and Family,
Our prayers go to you during this time. Thinking about you and your mother. She always stopped and talked with me whenever she saw me. god blees you Melody and Family##imported-begin##Melody Lee##imported-end##

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“ Mrs. Ritchie was my babysitter growing up. I always loved going over to see her and Herman. She touched my life in a way I can't explain. She was a wonderful person with a huge heart. I know she is in heaven now and at peace. She will always hold a place in my heart.##imported-begin##Leigh Vest Doby##imported-end##

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