



## Maxine Smith Carlton

January 10, 1913 - October 10, 2012

Frances Maxine Smith Carlton, 99, passed away Wednesday, October 10, 2012, at her home. She was born January 10, 1913, to the late John Dudley and Viola Ennis Smith. She graduated from Spencer High School and attended Catawba College.

She was predeceased on January 13, 1982, by her husband, Thomas Kern Carlton, whom she married September 6, 1934. Also preceding her in death was an infant daughter, Frances Maxine, in April, 1940; grandson, Ervin Eugene Lampert, III in 1991; and eight siblings.

Mrs. Carlton was the oldest living continuous member of her church, First Baptist Church of Salisbury, to which she was devoted. She served in many capacities there, including several terms as a deacon and also on the Pastor Search Committee. She was a member of the Dorcas and Faithful Workers Sunday School Class and of Gold and Silver. She was very active in PTA when her children were in school, and in her garden club, giving numerous programs on herbs and flowers and volunteered with Rowan Regional Medical Center Auxiliary.

In her early years, she enjoyed fishing and hunting excursions to the coast with her husband and was also an avid golfer. As the grandchildren started arriving, "Mamu" became a beloved and respected grandmother, ready to give wise counsel when requested.

Survivors are: sons, Dr. Thomas Kern Carlton, Jr. (Mimi); John William Carlton (Elaine); and daughters, Meetta Carlton Lampert (Mack); and Martha Sue

Carlton Lewis (Tommy); sister, Edith Smith Kenerly Holshouser; fourteen grandchildren, thirty-two great-grandchildren, and two great,great grandchildren.

Service and Visitation: A service to celebrate Mrs. Carlton's life will be held Sunday, October 14, 2012, at 3:00 PM at the First Baptist Church of Salisbury, 223 N. Fulton St. Visitation will be at the church following the service.

Interment will be in Chestnut Hill Cemetery, Salisbury, NC, prior to the service.

Memorials: Gifts in Mrs. Carlton's memory may be made to First Baptist Church , 223 N. Fulton St., Salisbury, NC 28144; Baptist Children's Home of North Carolina, Inc, P.O. Box 338, Thomasville, NC 27361; Rowan Regional Medical Center Foundation/Hospice House, 720 Grove St, Salisbury, NC 28144; or to the charity of the donor's choice.

The family would like to express appreciation to Dr. Amy Wilson and the staff of Rowan Regional Medical Center, Dr. Willard C. Thompson and the staff of the Lutheran Home, and all of her loving caregivers employed by Caring Hand of Salisbury, LLC.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Carlton family. Online condolences may be made at [www.summersettfuneralhome.com](http://www.summersettfuneralhome.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ To the Carlton family we express our sincere sympathy for the loss of your mom and grandmother! We are very sorry we were unable to attend the Memorial Service celebrating her life this afternoon. We were out of town. Mrs. Carlton will be forever remembered by many. She was a precious lady--always had a smile and a good word for all. May the Lord bless you all and grant you His comfort in your sorrow. James and Nancy###imported-begin##James and Nancy Jarrell###imported-end##

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“ Even though we visited but once or twice a year since I met Maxine in 1981 when Elaine and John married, I came to love and have much respect for her. She touched many lives in an edifying way. She will be dearly missed.

*My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.*

Margaret Gonzales###imported-begin##Margaret Gonzales###imported-end##

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“ *Meetta & Mack, Tommy & Mimi,  
Our hearts are with you, wish we could be. We'll be thinking good  
thoughts while hoping you all are remembering the good times.*

*Love,  
Hank Mangum & Betty Sue Whitman##imported-begin##Hank  
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“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of you in the loss of your  
beloved "Mamu." She appears to have been an incredible lady as  
evidenced by the legacy she has left.##imported-begin##Guardian  
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“ *We are sorry for your loss. You are in our prayers.##imported-  
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