



Mildred Louise Eskew Smith

October 15, 1936 - March 11, 2025

Mildred Louise Eskew Smith, 88, of Salisbury, passed away March 11, 2025. Born October 15, 1936 in Fulton County, GA, she was the daughter of the late Evelyn Burnette Stowe and Ferdinand Calton Eskew. She was a graduate of Murphy High School in Atlanta, GA. Millie began working at Western Electric where she fell in love with a young man named Joe Smith. Joe was good at hiding his feelings for Millie until he had to move to NC. He quickly realized she was the one. They got married in July of 1960 and started a family. Millie resumed work years later and retired from AT&T with over 30 years of service. She was a longtime member of Salisbury Christian Fellowship which later became River of Life Church. Her faith and her church were very important to her. Millie was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother, and often told stories about her life in a fun-loving way. She also loved talking to others, caring for her cats, and daily crossword puzzles.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her husband of 56 years, Joe Marvin Smith who died on March 7, 2017.

Left to cherish her memory are her sons, Dean Smith of St. Petersburg, FL, Kerry Smith (Amy) of Willington, CT, Brent Smith (Kimberly) of Salisbury; and grandchildren, Hannah Smith, Aaron Smith, Rebecca Hunt (Sam), Tavia Smith, Anthony Smith, and Brenna Smith.

A Celebration of Millie's life service will be conducted at 3:00 PM, Saturday (March 15) at River of Life Church with Rev. Vic Sassano officiating. A private burial will be held at Rowan Memorial Park later.

Memorials may be made to River of Life Church, 210 W. Ritchie Road,
Salisbury, NC 28147

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

Cemetery Details

Rowan Memorial Park

4125 Franklin Comm Center Rd
Salisbury, NC 28144
(704) 636-8751

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAR 15. 3:00 PM (ET)

River of Life Church
210 W. Ritchie Road
Salisbury, NC 28147

Tribute Wall

SC

“ *Dean, Kerry. Brent,
This is Susan and Daryl Cox. We went to church with your family for many years. We loved your mother and loved being with her. She was so funny and so much fun. I, Susan, still think of her often. And I have always wished that I had her comic ability.
We were planning to come to the service, but due to cough and cold thought it better to stay away.
We know you are suffering a great loss. Prayers are with all of you.*

Susan COX - March 15, 2025 at 09:42 AM

BR

Thank you, Susan and Daryl. We appreciate it. Brent.

brent - March 16, 2025 at 02:55 PM

YF

“ *Your FIS Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mildred Louise Eskew Smith.*



Your FIS Family - March 14, 2025 at 02:21 PM

DE

“ *Mildred was a treasure. From the time she was a child she was loved by our family. My parents told me stories about how she would follow them around on the farm, full of questions and commenting about everything she saw. She was a teenager by the time I have memory of her, but I admired her and enjoyed our more recent times together...just too infrequently. Our prayers are with the family.*

Daniel Eskew

Daniel Eskew - March 14, 2025 at 08:23 AM

DE

What a fun and talkative cousin! And so beautiful! I am certain that she is welcomed in Heaven and that she's making it an even more joyful place!

She has always been a treasure to our family.

Dorothy Eskew - March 17, 2025 at 04:55 PM

DE

Prayers for comfort for all the family!

Dorothy Eskew - March 17, 2025 at 04:56 PM

BR

Thank you, Dottie. She loved her Mcdonough family.

brent - March 23, 2025 at 09:06 AM

TC

“ *The Eskew Family Cousins purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Mildred Louise Eskew Smith.*



The Eskew Family Cousins - March 13, 2025 at 11:04 PM

JE

“ Dean, Kerry, Brent, and families, your mom and I had the best conversation just last week! You were so blessed to have a great mother and a true Southern lady. I sure will miss her beautiful, lilting voice! She was the oldest of our living Eskew cousins. Heartfelt sympathy to all of you.
Joe Ann Kelly Guy-Eskew

JoeAnn Guy Escue - March 13, 2025 at 11:26 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mildred Louise Eskew Smith.

March 13, 2025 at 11:12 AM

LL

“ Mildred was always full of life, smiles ~ the Joy of the Lord! How precious she was and is. I can't wait to see Joe and her together one day. And, Jesus, we can't wait to see YOU. I CAN ONLY IMAGINE!
Linda Lee

Linda Lee - March 13, 2025 at 08:25 AM

TA

“ Mildred was one of the sweetish ladies who loved the Lord, and she is celebrating with Joe and praising the Lord together!

Tim Arey - March 13, 2025 at 12:11 AM