



Miriam Juanita Shuping Small

April 3, 1928 - April 25, 2017

Miriam Juanita Shuping Small, 89, born April 3, 1928, of Salisbury, passed away at home into her much anticipated eternal rest on Tuesday, April 25, 2017, surrounded by family and special friends, continually for the last several weeks; now “absent from the body, present with the Lord”.

She was the daughter of Carl E. and Marie Cress Shuping of the Ellis Cross Road community, educated in the Rowan County Schools, Catawba College and graduated from the Mecklenburg Comptometer (Computer) School in 1948. She lived in the Steele Creek Community in Charlotte while raising her young family and often taking in others as her own.

She is survived by one brother, Winfred Cress Shuping of Salisbury, and her children, Linda Small Gable (Tommy) of Matagalpa, Nicaragua and Angela Layton Hyden (Bill) of Fort Worth, Texas; and eighteen grandchildren.

She will be remembered as a loving sister, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and by her foster sister “special” lifetime friend, Barbara Thomason of the Franklin community.

Mrs. Small was an avid swimmer, a Certified Red Cross Water Safety Instructor, having taught for 50 years (at her home and in other family pools) hundreds of students, ranging from infants to older adults, professing to terrible fears of water.

The family wishes to express sincere appreciation to the Franklin Presbyterian Church family; her beloved Bridge Club; her special friends and faithful extended family members for their loving care and assistance during her

illness.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Carl Lee “Buddy” Shuping and her husband of 25 years, Merwyn C. “Bud” Small, formally of the Steele Creek community in Charlotte.

Miriam was a member of Franklin Presbyterian Church where the funeral will be held on Thursday, April 27, 2017 at 12:00 PM, conducted by Pastor John Elam. Final committal will be in the family plot at the Bethel Lutheran Church Cemetery

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Bethel Lutheran Church Cemetery Fund.

Online condolences may be left for the family at www.summersettfuneralhome.com.

Summersett Funeral Home is honored to be serving the Small family.

Cemetery Details

Bethel Lutheran Church Cemetery

Salisbury, NC

Previous Events

Service

APR **27**. 12:00 PM (ET)

Franklin Presbyterian Church
280 Franklin Church Dr.
Salisbury, NC 28147

Tribute Wall

BM

“ *Bill Mesimer lit a candle in memory of Miriam Juanita Shuping Small*



bill mesimer - June 16, 2017 at 08:58 AM

BM

have known her since i was 12 years old great person we were in contact over 75 years

bill mesimer - June 16, 2017 at 09:01 AM

BT

“ *Miriam and I shared a extra special relationship, all through the years.... we shared in some way all the special events of life. She was 3 years older, but we met everything on common ground, and never had a disagreement. It was a wonderful life! She'll always have a very special place in my heart. Our first daughters were just 14 days apart; Miriam was living in England at the time, and they are best of friends today, even though they live in different countries as well.*

Barbara Thomason - May 03, 2017 at 08:36 PM

BL

“ *Angela and Linda there are no words. You both know how wonderful your Mother was. I am so thankful that God put us together at Christian Women's Club in 1998. She blessed my life in so many ways; mostly by her love. I loved her dearly and she will be missed by so many. I thank God for sitting us next to each other that day!*



Bettina Lail - April 26, 2017 at 05:30 PM