



Nancy Downs Owen

April 9, 1931 - January 26, 2021

Nancy Downs Owen, 89, of Salisbury, passed away Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at the Novant Health Glenn A. Kiser Hospice House.

Born April 9, 1931 in Pitt County, she was the daughter of the late Clara Louis Jordan Downs and Luther Baker Downs.

Mrs. Owen was a member of Second Presbyterian Church and attended Lowerstone Church of Christ, member and Past President of the Professional Photographers of NC, Carolina Artisan Guild, and was a former member of the Salisbury Lions Club.

She was a photographer and operated Nancy Owen Photography before retiring.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, James Earl Owen, Sr. on December 19, 1999; sister, Jessie Bamman; half-brothers, Bill Ward and Edward Ward.

Those left to cherish her memory are her children, Nancy Carol Dry Zimmerman of Salisbury, Robert Julian Dry (Mae) of Rockwell, Grady Max Dry (Vickie) of Salisbury, Charles Allen Dry (Tammy) of Rockwell and James "Jay" Earl Owen, Jr. (Krystal) of Rockwell; half-sister, Julia Frances Owen (Harry) of

Salisbury; half-brother, Ben James Ward of Winston-Salem; eleven grandchildren and twenty great-grandchildren.

A Graveside Service will be held 2 PM Friday (Jan. 29) at Rowan Memorial Park Chapel in the Pines Mausoleum with the Rev. Jerry Snipes, officiating.

The family will speak to friends following the service.

Memorials may be made to Novant Health Glenn A. Kiser Hospice House, 1229 Statesville Blvd., Salisbury, NC 28144

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

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JAN 29. 2:00 PM (ET)

Rowan Memorial Park Mausoleum
4125 Fanklin Community Center Road
Salisbury, NC 28144

Tribute Wall

BL

“ Mrs. Owen, I will miss seeing your smiling face at Lee Street and Piedmont Players. You were always so supportive. I also have such fond memories of you as you photographed so many weddings when I was involved. I saw you there and would think "this will go like clockwork"! You were energetic. My love to the entire family: I ask that you feel God's arms around you during some difficult days ahead.

Becky Lippard - February 03, 2021 at 12:18 PM



“ Nana you will be missed! You lit up any room you were in and I have great memories of visiting you and pop pop as a child. I cherished our time together and I know you're looking over all your family and friends now. - your great niece Scarlett Miller

Scarlett Miller - January 30, 2021 at 11:06 AM

RD

“ I Have Known Nancy for fifteen years since I started at Lowes. She always had a smile and hug for me when she came in. my condolences to your whole family. I know she will be a bright star in heaven. She was a bright star to me and I loved her. Reba Dollarhide (Lowes)



Reba Dollarhide - January 29, 2021 at 08:34 AM

LA

“ Love, Brian and Heather Ward, Audrey and Anson purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Nancy Downs Owen.



Love, Brian and Heather Ward, Audrey and Anson - January 29, 2021 at 08:02 AM

JF

“ Nancy my home is lined with beautiful portraits of my family all done by your hands. I think of you every time I see one. Thank you for a lifetime of friendship. Bless the family. Nancy was a great lady and I will miss her.

Janis Cranford Ford - January 29, 2021 at 07:22 AM

JF

“ Nancy my home is lined in beautiful oils of my children all VM produced by you!!! We love you dearly and will always miss you. May God keep His arms around you and the family forever. An old friend.

Janis Cranford Ford - January 28, 2021 at 09:20 PM

JD

“ Nancy you always made us feel like family. We will miss you and your wonderful cards with such kind words. God bless your family during this time. Jim&Cheri Dial

James Dial - January 28, 2021 at 04:17 PM

DS

“ Daniel S. McBride & Karen A. Skinner purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Nancy Downs Owen.



Daniel S. McBride & Karen A. Skinner - January 28, 2021 at 01:56 PM

CN

“ I am so sorry to hear about Nancy. I really loved her! In fact, I found an old picture I took of her just yesterday. I haven't seen or spoken to her in years, but she was in my thoughts. My heartfelt condolences to your family. Carole Napoli

Carole Napoli - January 28, 2021 at 01:06 PM

NZ

Loved this grand lady. She was always beautiful and so much fun. Blessings to her family
Noland and Rebecca Parham

Noland and Rebecca zparham - January 28, 2021 at 10:52 PM

GM

“ Thinking of everyone. Gary/Anita Moss

Gary Moss - January 28, 2021 at 11:34 AM

AP

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. She blessed you with her presence in your life and she blessed others by having a wonderful family. Lifting you up in prayer. Angela Pipes

Angela Pipes - January 28, 2021 at 10:12 AM

JJ

“ I am so sorry to hear of Nancy's passing. Even though we only saw her at the family reunion once a year I loved her and always looked forward to sitting around the table listening to family stories after lunch and on Sunday morning before heading home from the reunion. There was only one Nancy Owen and she will surely be missed by many.
-Jeremy Jordan

Jeremy Jordan - January 28, 2021 at 09:43 AM

PW

“ Patty Wagoner lit a candle in memory of Nancy Downs Owen



Patty Wagoner - January 28, 2021 at 06:38 AM

BJ

“ So very sorry to hear of the loss of Nancy. I know she will be tracking down the Jordan ancestors and getting their history first hand. May your memories of her bring you peace. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Love Brenda Jordan (Jerry)

Brenda Jordan - January 27, 2021 at 11:26 PM

WG

“ Rob and family, we met Nancy through church at Grace Lower Stone Reformed. She was such a beautiful, delightful and elegant lady. Sandy and I are sorry for your loss. Please know that we are in prayer for you all. May God's Peace, Comfort, Grace and Mercy surround all of you, now and into the coming days.

William & Sandra Gilmore - January 27, 2021 at 09:40 PM