



## Nancy Ruth Brown Austin

January 15, 1936 - March 13, 2024

Nancy Ruth Brown Austin, 88, of Salisbury, passed away March 13, 2024 at Novant Health Rowan Regional Medical Center.

Born January 15, 1936 in Rowan County, she was the daughter of the late Ruth Lippard Brown and William Addison "W.A." Brown. She was a 1954 graduate of Boyden High School and a 1955 graduate of Salisbury Business College. Following graduation, she joined her husband who was in the military in Orleans, France where she lived for two and a half years.

She was employed with Carter Electric, Security Bank for 10 years and in 1982 opened Pockets which she owned and operated for 22 years. She was a lifelong member of St. John's Lutheran Church. She volunteered at St. John's Lutheran Church and Rowan Regional Medical Center.

Left to cherish her memory are her husband of 69 years, John "Tommy" Austin, Sr. who she married February 26, 1955; son, John Thomas Austin, Jr. (Angie) of Concord; daughter, Linda Austin Cline of Rockwell; and grandchildren, Ashlyn Austin, J.T. Austin, Jera Cline and Kara Cline.

A graveside service will be conducted 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 20, at Rowan Memorial Park conducted by Rev. Jonathan Davis.

Memorials may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church, 200 W. Innes Street, Salisbury, NC 28144.

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



# Cemetery Details

## Rowan Memorial Park

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

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

MAR 20. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Nancy you will always be cherished and missed. We had 80 years of being friends. You were my first girlfriend when we were in grade school. Bill Epting.



Bill Epting - March 19, 2024 at 04:12 PM

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“ Melissa and Jeff Taylor planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nancy Ruth Brown Austin.

Melissa and Jeff Taylor - March 19, 2024 at 01:08 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Nancy Ruth Brown Austin.



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“ James, Janet, Jon Lynette Jennifer &Eric planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nancy Ruth Brown Austin.

James, Janet, Jon Lynette Jennifer &Eric - March 19, 2024 at 11:47 AM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Nancy Ruth Brown Austin.*



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March 19, 2024 at 11:47 AM



“ *Prayers for family of Nancy Austin. Beautiful soul inside and out ..One of my last memories was when my mom was in hospice. Nancy fed mom. That was so precious to me. Among just looking at the pictures and all the golden memories this lady left behind. Blessed family with so much love. Love you Nancy and all family. Gone to heaven to be with God. No more sorrow or pain. Rip*

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**Crystal Blackwelder** - March 19, 2024 at 09:04 AM



“ *To this day we all miss Pockets ! And Nancy was always there with a cheerful smile and was a delight to see. We shall miss her.*

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**J. Jay Whittington** - March 18, 2024 at 07:44 PM



“ *Bill, Sherrie, Dean and Doug Epting. purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Nancy Ruth Brown Austin.*



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**Bill, Sherrie, Dean and Doug Epting.** - March 15, 2024 at 02:35 PM



“ *Nancy was such a sweet lady! She always had a kind voice and spirit. We have been neighbors for many years. Precious family . Our prayers go out for the family. She will most definitely be missed!*



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**Deborah Rainey** - March 14, 2024 at 06:17 PM