



## Mrs. Nancy Lyerly Safley

October 30, 1932 - April 13, 2013

Mrs. Nancy Lyerly Safley, 80, of Salisbury, NC passed away Saturday, April 13, 2013 at Rowan Regional Medical Center.

Born October 30, 1932 in Rowan County, NC to the late Ruth Kincaid Lyerly and Tom Lyerly, she was a graduate of Woodleaf High School. Nancy was the first teacher's assistant hired in Rowan County and also was a school bus driver at Woodleaf Elementary for thirteen years. She was then a preschool teacher at Unity Presbyterian Church. Later she worked as a substitute teacher for Rowan Salisbury Schools, mostly at West Rowan High School. Nancy enjoyed seeing her students that she had taught thru the years and catching up with them.

Nancy was a longtime member of Gay's Chapel United Methodist Church. At the church she served as a Sunday school teacher, President of the Parker Guild, and in many other capacities. She loved her church and church family. Nancy enjoyed hand crafts, painting, and especially loved spending time with her children and grandchildren. A special treat was to have Granny make family members a specially decorated birthday cake. She was a loving and devoted railroad wife, mother, and granny.

Surviving are her husband of 59 years, Lawrence Safley; daughters, Debbie Heilig and husband Mike of Salisbury, NC; Carolyn Link and husband Randy of Woodleaf; and Lori Everson and husband Terry of Denver, CO; and sisters, Peggy Williams and husband June of Cleveland, NC; Norma Overcash and husband Dave of Cleveland; and Treva Phelps of Salisbury, NC. Also

surviving are six grandchildren: Mandi and Abbi Heilig, Mallie and Zeb Link, Clay and Maygan Everson, Mitchell Blalock, and great-grandson, Easton Blalock.

The family will receive friends from 2-4 PM Wednesday (Apr 17) at Gay's Chapel United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. The funeral service will follow at 4 PM in Gay's Chapel United Methodist Church, conducted by Rev. Tony Jordan, Rev. Frank and Rev. Mary Gordon, and Rev. Marion Faulk. Burial will follow at Gay's Chapel United Methodist Church Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Gay's Chapel United Methodist Church, 5545 Woodleaf Rd., Salisbury, NC 28147.

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

# Tribute Wall

SM

“ Carolyn, Our thought and prayers are with you and all of your family. We are so sorry for your loss. Prayers are surrounding you and God will be with you in this time of need.  
Sherry & James Moore Woodleaf, NC



Sherry Moore - April 18, 2013 at 08:11 PM

MH

“ Millicent Hoffner lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nancy Lyerly Safley



Millicent Hoffner - April 18, 2013 at 12:01 AM

MH

“ Girls, your Mom was a super nice lady...a class act person. I enjoyed working with her at Unity. She and your dad raised a real nice family. My prayer is for all those wonderful memories to sustain you through the rough days to follow. Blessings of grace and peace to you all. Millicent Hoffner

Millicent Hoffner - April 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CE

“ I have known Nancy all my life and she was one of the sweetest ladies I have ever known. She went the extra mile to help me so many times and I will never forget her kindness. My sincere sympathy is extended to all of her family.

Carolyn Wetmore Ebright - April 17, 2013 at 04:27 PM

VD

“ *Debbie and family,  
I am so sorry to hear about your Mother. She was such a sweet lady. She always made me feel welcome. I have run into her and your Dad many times out eating. I will certainly miss seeing her. May God bless your family and give you comfort. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*  
Love,  
Vickie Pinkston Dry

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**Vickie Pinkston Dry** - April 16, 2013 at 07:25 PM

LU

“ *I am so sorry for your loss! She was such a very sweet lady! My prayers are with you all.*

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**Lisa Underwood** - April 16, 2013 at 03:05 PM

DG

“ *Carolyn, My thoughts are with you.*  
Debbie Gunn

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**Deborah Gunn** - April 16, 2013 at 02:06 PM

JO

“ *Debbie and Family; I was so saddened to hear of your moms passing. I loved it when she subbed for one of my classes at West and would always go and check on her if I knew she was at West for the day. What a special treasure she was. Lifting each one of you up in prayer during this difficult time and everyday. She will be greatly missed by many; no doubt by each of you most.*

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**Jen Osborne** - April 16, 2013 at 11:06 AM

JO

“ *Jen Osborne lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nancy Lyerly Safley*



Jen Osborne - April 16, 2013 at 11:03 AM

TP

“ *Tina Phelps lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nancy Lyerly Safley*



Tina Phelps - April 16, 2013 at 09:37 AM

TP

*Carolyn, My prayers go out to you and your family. With deepest sympathy. Tina Phelps, Co-Worker and Friend,*

Tina Phelps - April 16, 2013 at 09:41 AM

LW

“ *Lawrence and family , sorry for your loss of Nancy wife mother grandmother and best friend our prayers and thoughts are with you. Leroy and Jean williams*



Leroy williams - April 16, 2013 at 08:55 AM

SB

“ *Stephanie Blevins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nancy Lyerly Safley*



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**Stephanie Blevins** - April 16, 2013 at 08:54 AM

LC

“ *Our condolences to Lawrence and the family. Nancy was a special lady and will be missed by everyone that knew her. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*  
*Lloyd and Dee Curry*

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**Lloyd/Dee Curry** - April 15, 2013 at 07:28 PM

SB

*Carolyn, I'm so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and the entire Safley family. God Bless.*

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**Stephanie Blevins** - April 16, 2013 at 08:55 AM