



Norma Jean Shoaf

April 30, 1944 - August 18, 2025

Norma Jean Shoaf, 81, of Salisbury, passed away unexpectedly on August 18, 2025.

Born on April 30, 1944, in Rowan County, she was the daughter of the late John and Gurla Barger Watson. Jean was a proud graduate of West Rowan High School where she was one of the first graduating classes to attend all four years. She married the love of her life, “Big Jimmy,” in 1966. Together they raised a family built on love, laughter, and strong values.

Jean was a talented beautician in her early years before devoting herself fully to her greatest joy—being a wife, mother, and beloved “Mamaw.” Big Jimmy and Jean owned and operated Shoaf’s Wagon Wheel for over 30 years where Jean was the smiling face greeting you as you walked through the door. Her family was the center of her world, and she cherished every moment spent with them.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her sister, Louise Dean, and her daughter, Angela Jean Shoaf. She is survived by her husband, Jim Shoaf; her brother, Larry Watson; her children, Jimmy Shoaf (Jennifer) and Tonya Barber (Jason); her grandsons, Shane Barber (Fiancée Sydney) and Chase Shoaf; her granddaughters, Kaitlyn Sells (Ronald), Paige Barber, and McKenzie Shoaf (Fiancé Will); her brother-in-law, Kenno Shoaf, Donnie Shoaf (June), and Joe Dean; and her sister-in-law, Kay Hager (Tony).

Jean was a lifelong member of Salem Lutheran Church. She found joy in life’s simple pleasures—spending time on the beach with close family and friends,

playing cards with her granddaughters, watching Little House on the Prairie, fishing at the pond, and caring for her two donkeys, Iris and Josie, and dog, Corey. She was known for her incredible home cooking and sweet tea, though she humbly denied her talent.

Jean will be remembered for her deep love for her family and her love for the Lord.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, August 26, 2025, from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at Summersett Funeral Home. The funeral service will be held immediately following the visitation at 1:00 p.m. at Summersett Memorial Chapel. Burial to follow at Rowan Memorial Park.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Shoaf 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

Visitation

AUG 26. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Summersett Funeral Home
1315 W. Innes St.
Salisbury, NC 28144
(704) 633-2111
<https://www.summersettfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

AUG 26. 1:00 PM (ET)

Summersett Memorial Chapel
1315 W. Innes St.
Salisbury, NC 28144

Tribute Wall

SR

“ *My condolences to the Shoaf family. Jean was a lovely lady and had a beautiful soul. May peace be with you all.*

Susan Ringenberg - August 26, 2025 at 09:24 AM

WC

“ *Winston Salem Line Dance Crew purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Norma Jean Shoaf.*



Winston Salem Line Dance Crew - August 25, 2025 at 10:29 PM

LS

“ *Lacey, Sarah and Kyle Smith purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Norma Jean Shoaf.*



Lacey, Sarah and Kyle Smith - August 25, 2025 at 01:59 PM

DP

“ *Dale and Kim Plummer purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Norma Jean Shoaf.*



Dale and Kim Plummer - August 25, 2025 at 11:05 AM

DP

“ Dale and Kim Plummer planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Norma Jean Shoaf.

Dale and Kim Plummer - August 25, 2025 at 11:05 AM

LT

“ Love, Lisa and Joey Tilley purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Norma Jean Shoaf.



Love, Lisa and Joey Tilley - August 25, 2025 at 10:27 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Norma Jean Shoaf.



August 25, 2025 at 10:10 AM

TF

“ The Cape Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Norma Jean Shoaf.



The Cape Family - August 24, 2025 at 08:04 PM

TF

“ The Cape Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Norma Jean Shoaf.

The Cape Family - August 24, 2025 at 08:04 PM

RT

“ Rick & Suzanne Thibodeau purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of Norma Jean Shoaf.



Rick & Suzanne Thibodeau - August 24, 2025 at 05:37 PM

RT

“ Rick & Suzanne Thibodeau planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Norma Jean Shoaf.

Rick & Suzanne Thibodeau - August 24, 2025 at 05:37 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Norma Jean Shoaf.



August 24, 2025 at 10:16 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Norma Jean Shoaf.

August 24, 2025 at 10:16 AM



“ Anything for You was purchased for the family of Norma Jean Shoaf.



August 24, 2025 at 10:10 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Norma Jean Shoaf.

August 24, 2025 at 10:10 AM



“ Jim and all the family we will always remember Jean her smile and after we got done playing music she had the best pinto beans and dessert my husband Randy Eller played music with Night Train and then Dime of Dozen and with Second Time Around Band and he love playing there Jim Gene Tonya and Jason was like family we are praying for you and family heaven just gain another angel we are heart broken over your lost Rest in peace Gene love you all Randy and Katie Eller and Family



Randy and Katie Eller - August 24, 2025 at 08:23 AM



“ Jimmy, Little Jimmy & family, Tonya & Family so sorry for your loss. My heart is broken for all of you. Prayers for all of you.



Linda Messick - August 23, 2025 at 08:08 PM

BH

“ Jim we are so sorry for your loss. You and your family will be in our prayers.

Buster and Cindy Harris - August 23, 2025 at 04:09 PM

TF

“ The Silverhawk Band Family purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Norma Jean Shoaf.



The Silverhawk Band Family - August 23, 2025 at 10:14 AM

SV

“ Jean always stopped to visit on her way to feed the donkeys and gave our dog Samson a treat and he always tried to kiss her and take a ride on her golf cart! She has been a sweet neighbor since our seven year stay! We will miss her! Tony & Sharon Varner

Sharon Varner - August 22, 2025 at 09:18 PM

JS

“ Jeff and Stephanie Simpson purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Norma Jean Shoaf.



Jeff and Stephanie Simpson - August 22, 2025 at 07:12 PM



“ *Michaela Britt lit a candle in memory of Norma Shoaf*



Michaela Britt - August 22, 2025 at 04:09 PM



“ *you will always be remember and always be in heart.love you miss you*

becky Holt - August 22, 2025 at 03:36 PM



“ *Richard and Gladys Dillon lit a candle in memory of Norma Shoaf*



Richard and Gladys Dillon - August 22, 2025 at 03:01 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Norma Jean Shoaf.*



August 22, 2025 at 02:49 PM