



Mrs. Pansy F. Saunders

November 5, 1923 - April 9, 2016

Pansy Ficklin Richardson Saunders, 92, peacefully entered into the presence of the Lord, April 9, 2016 at Novant Health Rowan Medical Center.

She was born November 5, 1923 in Petersburg, Indiana, the daughter of the late Julius Riley Ficklin and Grace Mae Kline Ficklin and was educated at Needmore School.

Before moving to Salisbury, she traveled and sang with Farene Fadley McCullough and Lois Cleaver Schenck in revival services. They also assisted Salvation Army as they conducted Vacation Bible School.

Pansy was employed with William Hefner Medical Center as a psychiatric nursing assistant for twenty-eight years. She was an active member of Trinity Wesleyan Church where she served as Wesleyan Women's Director, Choir/Music Director, Pianist, Sunday School Teacher, and Vice-Chairman of the Local Board of Administration. She also was a member of 55+ Ministries and served as District Best Years Fellowship Director. She was actively involved in NARFE 0720, the Friendship Club of Bethel Lutheran Church and Church Women United. She served on the Hidden Creek Board of Directors.

She is preceded in death by husbands, Emmett Addison Richardson and Rev. Dallas Roy Saunders; twin sisters, Maybelle and Adelle Ficklin; brother, Claude Eugene Ficklin; son, Rev. Steven Saunders, and two Granddaughters,

and one Great-Granddaughter.

Those left to cherish her memories are her daughters; Martha Richardson, Salisbury, NC, Sara Ramseur (Leon), Gastonia, NC; sons Farrell Saunders (Antoinette), Gaffney, SC, and David Saunders (Dawn), Pawley's Island, SC; daughter-in-law Carolyn Saunders; 10 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren; sister, June Goad (Curt) Indianapolis, IN, brothers, Marvin Ficklin (Rebecca) Clarkesville, TN, Jerry Ficklin (Judy) Shepherdstown, WV, Fred Ficklin (Anita), Indianapolis, IN and Larry Ficklin (Dee), Greenville, IL, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Service and Visitation: A Service of Celebration of Pansy's Life will be held Wednesday, April 13, 2016 at 1:00 pm, at Trinity Wesleyan Church, 2200 Mooresville Road, Salisbury, officiated by Rev. Wilson Harris and Rev. James Valk. The family will receive friends from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm at the church prior to the service. Interment will be held at Rowan Memorial Park Cemetery.

Memorials: In lieu of flowers, contributions may be given to Trinity Wesleyan Church, 2200 Mooresville Road, Salisbury, NC 28147 or Victory Mountain Camp, P.O. Box 4085, Archdale, NC 27263.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 13. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Trinity Wesleyan Church
2200 Mooresville Rd.
NC, NC

Service

APR 13. 1:00 PM (ET)

Trinity Wesleyan Church
2200 Mooresville Rd.
NC, NC

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Pansy was a great storyteller and fun to be around love and prayers to Martha and her family*

Jay Spencer - April 13, 2016 at 01:40 PM

BI

“ *For years my family and I shared Christmas dinner with Pansy and Martha. Pansy was a terrific cook and always made something special for me. She was warm and sweet and intelligent and caring and she made the holidays so special. She touched the hearts of everyone she met. If success is leaving the world better than you found it, she exceeded the goal many times over. Bob Ingle*



Bob Ingle - April 12, 2016 at 09:42 PM

BC

“ *Becky Carlton lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Pansy F. Saunders*



Becky Carlton - April 12, 2016 at 09:17 PM

JT

“ Dear Martha and family,
I feel so honored to have met this wonderful Godly lady! I loved her and felt she did the same. I would love to be at her celebration of life but will be out of town. My love and thoughts to all of her family. She truly will be missed by so many that loved her. ...but I know where she is...with the one she loved the most, her precious Lord! Janice Terrell

janice terrell - April 12, 2016 at 10:03 AM

JB

“ I am so saddened by Pansy's death. I will miss her beautiful smile and her bubbly personality. She was one of the sweetest, Godly women I have ever met. Prayers to the entire family. Jill Bost

Jill Bost - April 12, 2016 at 08:38 AM

JW

“ Pansy was a wonderful person and friend. I have so many precious memories of the great times our families shared together over many years. She always had a Christlike spirit. My parents talked fondly of the times Lois and her stayed in their homes when they were songs evangelists. I am so sorry I will not be able to attend the celebration of life for her. I have not driven since the amputation of my leg and all of my drivers have to work. My thoughts, love and prayers are with you. I know she is having a marvelous time in heaven with family and so many friends. I will try to stay in touch. My phone calls haven't been going through and several of my cards have been returned for some reason. I love you, Marty. Judy Wyrick

Judy WYRICK - April 12, 2016 at 08:06 AM

JK

“ *A very sweet lady,I know you will miss her. Praying you will find comfort,knowing she's with Jesus,and receiving her Heavenly reward.*



Janet Keys - April 11, 2016 at 05:46 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Pansy F. Saunders.*



April 11, 2016 at 04:43 PM

DW

“ *Martha you and all the family are in our thoughts and prayers. We have SO many sweet and cherished memories of your mom, there was never a sweeter or more kind person ever. We loved her singing, playing piano and accordion also. What a rejoicing there is in heaven at her homecoming. Dan has known her all his life and said she was always like family. We love you*

Dan & Nzncy Winecuff - April 11, 2016 at 03:26 PM

MS

“ I know Pansy is home with all her many family members and her Lord and Savior. I am so blessed to have known Pansy and will always remember her sweet smile when I would see her in church when I attended Trinity...and anytime I would see her. I am so glad I was able to see her in September and get a Pansy hug. Martha you are in my prayers and I am so sorry I will not be there to celebrate her life. I know you will miss her so very much as will all of her many many friends and family. love to you.



melinda setzer - April 11, 2016 at 11:02 AM

DH

“ Marty,
Your Mom was one special lady!!! Always smiling and being genuinely nice to everyone! I know you will miss her but you can truly say you have no regrets, as you have been a wonderful daughter! Thinking and keeping you in prayers as you face the days ahead!! God has another angel by his side!
Love to you!
Debbie Heilig

Debbie Heilig - April 11, 2016 at 10:46 AM

RW

“ Marty, I have wonderful memories of going home with you from college. Mrs. Pansy and Mr. Emmett would spoil us rotten and make sure we had a great weekend. They were loving and generous people, and I'm thankful I knew them. You are in my thoughts and prayers. God bless you. Rhonda Parker Wilson

Rhonda Wilson - April 11, 2016 at 07:19 AM

DK

“ *It seems as though Pansy was always bigger than life to me. From the time I can remember anything I recall my dad Raymond (Roy) Kline talking fondly of her. She was a large part of a wonderful family that I love dearly. I know that she is rejoicing with her mom and dad in heaven.*

Dwain Kline - April 10, 2016 at 09:15 PM