



## Peggy Ann Russell Jordan Stiller Smith

December 24, 1933 - October 12, 2022

Peggy Russell Smith passed away peacefully on October 12, 2022, into the loving arms of her lord and savior, Jesus Christ.

Born December 24, 1933 in Salisbury, she was the daughter of the late John Flippin and Maude Honeycutt Russell. Peggy graduated from Boyden High School in 1952. She married Ron Jordan in 1953 and soon started their family. Daughters Kim, Ronda, and Monti and son Stan were born within the first six years of their marriage.

Raising her own children made her a natural for providing childcare for hundreds of young children in Salisbury and Rowan County. Along with Dot Miller, Peggy worked for the City of Salisbury in their preschool program for 28 years. Peggy's Playground at Sloan Park and Miss Dot & Miss Peggy's Playground at City Park were dedicated in her honor.

Her husband Ron died in 1973 and in 1976 she married Don Stiller. It was during this marriage that Peggy acquired the title of "Grandmommy", with Grand-Donny by her side. Bo put the "Grand" in Grandmommy in 1980, and after all was said and done, Russ, Kate, Walker, Axton, Ashley, Miles, Calen, Corey, and Quinn all experienced her tenderness and love.

Don passed away in 1998 and in 2001 she married her high school

sweetheart Richard (Dick) Smith. Peggy and Dick stayed active in the community and young at heart until his death in 2016.

Peggy was a life-long member of St. John's Lutheran Church and lived a life full of love and compassion for family and friends. The quote in her high school year book was "To know her is to love her." She always had a smile on her face, and her beautiful outward appearance was only surpassed by her inward beauty.

In addition to her parents and her husbands, she was predeceased by her brother John Russell, Jr., sisters Francis Jacobs and Betty Russell, and daughter Monti Bell. Daughters Kim Andrew (Mark) of Albemarle and Ronda Sparks (Mark) of Carolina Beach, son Stan Jordan (Sandy) of Salisbury, ten grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren survive her.

The family would like to thank all of the caregivers at Trinity Oaks who provided the "continuum of care" the last 8 years of Peggy's life.

Visitation and Services: A memorial service will be held on Monday, October 17 at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary at St. John's Lutheran Church, Salisbury, officiated by the Rev. Lori Carter. The family will receive friends immediately after the service in Peeler Hall at St. John's. A private burial service will be held on Monday afternoon.

Memorials: In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church, 200 West Innes Street, Salisbury, NC 28144 or The Lutheran Home at Trinity Oaks, 820 Klumac Road, Salisbury, NC 28144.

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



# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

OCT 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. John's Lutheran Church  
200 W. Innes St.  
Salisbury, NC 28144

## Visitation

OCT 17. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

CM

“ Miss Peggy and Miss Dot kindly started my twins, Shelia King Witt and Susan King Black on their road to success at Playskool. She was as beautiful on the inside as she was on the outside! Rest in peace.

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**Carol McCall** - February 20, 2023 at 08:58 AM

AS

“ Peggy was a very special lady. My daughter could not wait to go see Ms. Peggy every Halloween. There are not many people as loving as she was. My thoughts and prayers are with the whole family.

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**Andrea Shuping** - October 15, 2022 at 11:17 PM

EJ

“ One of the very few "angels on earth". Get your well deserved rest and peace now. You'll not be forgotten. Don and Edith Julian

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**Edith Julian** - October 15, 2022 at 10:28 AM

TL

“ Miss Peggy and Miss Dot got me off in my education journey. I was doubly blessed to know both of them at St. John's. Peggy was a joy to know and love. My sympathy to Stan, Kim, Ronda and their families. Rest eternal grant Peggy O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon her.

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**Tony Lippard** - October 15, 2022 at 10:24 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Peggy Ann Russell Jordan Stiller Smith.*



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October 14, 2022 at 11:09 AM



“ *I was a young secretary at Salisbury Rec Center in the early 60's and thought Peggy was the most beautiful woman I had ever seen. And truly she was, inside and out. God rest her sweet soul.*

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**Kay Harviel** - October 13, 2022 at 10:01 PM