



Mrs. Rita Mathias Wilkey

August 15, 1930 - January 15, 2018

Rita Mathias Wilkey, 87 of Salisbury, passed away Monday, January 15, 2018 at Novant Health Rowan Medical Center.

Born August 15, 1930 in Fall River, MA, she was the daughter of the late Stephen and Flora Heon Mathias.

Mrs. Wilkey was educated in the Fall River, MA Parochial schools. She relocated to North Carolina with her husband and five children in 1971.

She was a homemaker, wonderful wife, mother and caregiver with a heart of gold. Earlier she was employed by Goodyear Tire in Fall River, MA and Roses Department Store in Salisbury.

Mrs. Wilkey was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church. She loved socializing with her friends in the L.O.L Club, especially "playing caards"

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Russell Romeo Wilkey on April 23, 2003 and a son, Robert Douglas Wilkey on November 16, 2015.

Those left to cherish her memory are her children, Deborah Osborne of Salisbury, Russell Sinclair Wilkey (Susan) of Spencer, Douglas Arthur Wilkey

(Pat) of Winston-Salem and Elizabeth Wilkey (Missy) of Cleveland; daughter-in-law, Kim Riddle of Salisbury; brother, Stephen Mathias (Muriel) of Hyannis Port, MA; grandchildren, Matthew Osborne (Sara), Brittany Deal (Tony), Michael Osborne, Elizabeth Cox (Jeff) Annie Barber (Jason), Julian Wilkey (Martha), Jennifer Sicura, Robert N. Wilkey, Megan Botteon (Matt Gable), Heather Botteon (Jamie), Steven Wilkey, Bryan Wilkey, James Wilkey, Erica Wilkey (Omar). Also her precious 13 great-grandchildren whom she prided herself in knowing all their birthdays.

The family will receive friends from 7-8:30 PM Thursday (Jan. 18) at Summersett Funeral Home and at other times the family will be at the family home.

A Memorial Service will be conducted 2 PM – Friday (Jan. 19) at the Summersett Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Perry Bradshaw, minister of Coburn Memorial United Methodist Church officiating. Interment will follow at Rowan Memorial Park.

Memorials may be made to Rowan Helping Ministries, 226 N. Long Street, Salisbury, NC 28144.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 18. 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM (ET)

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

Memorial Service

JAN 19. 2:00 PM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Summersett Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Rita Mathias Wilkey*



Summersett Funeral Home and Cremation Center - January 18, 2018 at 02:35 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Rita Mathias Wilkey.*



January 18, 2018 at 05:16 PM



“ *Mrs Wilkey was always a Blessing to be around and such a kind Heart.
My how she Loved her Family.*

*Prayers For You All
John 14:1-3*

Pastor Joey Spry - January 17, 2018 at 01:57 AM