



## Sara Ann Spear

August 14, 1941 - July 11, 2011

Sara Ann Jeffries Spear, 69, died on Monday, July 11, 2011 at Rowan Regional Medical Center in Salisbury, North Carolina.

Born in Union, South Carolina on August 14, 1941, daughter of the late Francis Allen Jeffries and Sara Caroline O'Sullivan Jeffries, Mrs. Spear was a descendent of the former South Carolina Governor Richard Manning Jefferies. She was pre-deceased by a brother, Francis Allen Jeffries.

She was a 1959 graduate of Dreher High School in Columbia, S.C. She attended Converse College in 1959 and graduated cum laude from Columbia College in Columbia, S.C in 1962, earning a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Religion. In 1964 she received a Master of Education Degree in English from Clemson University in Clemson, SC. She was selected for inclusion in Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities and taught schools in Aberdeen and Havre de Grace, Maryland.

Sara Ann was a disciple of First Presbyterian Church, Salisbury, NC, member of A Woman's Sunday School Class and had served as Corresponding Secretary of Presbyterian Women. She was a member of The National Society Magna Charta Dames and Barons, the Columbia, SC. Chapter of The Daughters of The American Revolution, The United Daughters of The Confederacy, Historic Salisbury Foundation, The Rowan Museum, The Land

Trust of Central North Carolina, The Salisbury Charity League, The Salisbury Rowan Symphony Guild, The Waterworks Visual Arts Center, The Gourmet Club, The Miscellany and Page One Book Clubs and was a former member of the Chapter One Book Club. She was an expert bridge player. She was a member and supporter of many other cultural and community groups. She loved her church, her family, travels with friends, entertaining, and trips to Sunset Beach, N.C..

Sara Ann demonstrated great strength and courage as she faced declining health. She loved people, she loved her family, and she loved her friends and neighbors. Countless friends were the recipients of her many kindnesses. Her thoughtful and caring nature was exemplary, and evident to all who knew her.

She was devoted to her husband Max, her sons Max and John, and their families and to her grandchildren. She exuded great joy, gratitude, and pride when talking about her family.

Sara Ann is survived by her husband Maxwell Keen Spear, her son Maxwell Jefferies Spear and wife Amy Joyce Sokoloff Spear, and son John Nelson Spear and Grandchildren, Emma Rose Spear, Maxwell Jefferies Spear, Jr., John Randolph Spear, and Anna Catherine Spear, and brother in law Robert Farris Spear and wife Patricia and daughter Lauri Trainor, and many cousins.

**SERVICES and VISITATION:** A Memorial Service will be held at 10:00 AM, Thursday July 14, 2011 at First Presbyterian Church, 308 Fisher Street, Salisbury, NC. Following the Memorial Service, the family will greet friends in Lewis Hall at the Church,

**INTERMENT:** The Columbarium at First Presbyterian Church, following the reception in Lewis Hall.

MEMORIALS: In lieu of flowers, Memorials may be made to First Presbyterian Church, 308 Fisher Street, Salisbury, NC 28144

ARRANGEMENTS: are provided by Summersett Funeral Home of Salisbury.

Online condolences may be made to [www.summersettfuneralhome.com](http://www.summersettfuneralhome.com)

The family appreciates the love and support expressed by so many caring friends.

# Tribute Wall



“ Max and family, I wanted to express my condolences of the passing of Sara Ann and my prayers and thoughts are with you all at this time. Bobby Cowsert###imported-begin##Bobby Cowsert###imported-end##

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July 15, 2011 at 08:57 PM



“ My deepest condolences to the family. As a child I remember my mother's cousin used to come up from South Carolina and baby sit little Max. Mrs. Spears was truly a kind and loving person. Thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Elisa###imported-begin##Elisa Evans Jones###imported-end##

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July 14, 2011 at 03:47 PM



“ Max and boys, Jack and I were so sorry to learn of Sara Ann's death. We still remember the first time we met you both at Clemson, over in the married housing area. I have been in touch with Jack's cousin, Janie Hane Stone, who graduated in '59 with the 2 of you. She has notified several of your classmates there. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you all.###imported-begin##Joyce Seabrook###imported-end##

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July 14, 2011 at 03:21 PM



“ Thinking of your family at this difficult time. Jennifer Goldman Payne###imported-begin##Jennifer Payne###imported-end##

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July 13, 2011 at 09:17 PM



“ Max,  
*I think that Sara Ann was in my homeroom from the 7th grade until we graduated from Dreher. Nice lady and I wish you and your family the best.*  
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“ To Amy and Max and the whole Spear family: we send our thoughts at this difficult time. We are thinking of you all and hope that you know how much love we have for all of you.

*Love, Lara, Jason, Alison and Daniel##imported-begin##Lara Sokoloff##imported-end##*

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July 13, 2011 at 11:45 AM