



Sarah Frances "Tankie" Embry

October 19, 1920 - February 7, 2019

Sarah Frances "Tankie" Embry, 98, of Salisbury passed away Thursday, February 7, 2019 at the Lutheran Home at Trinity Oaks.

Born October 19, 1920 in Salisbury, NC she was a daughter of the late Fred Lethco Smith and Mattie Lilian Simpson Smith. She was a 1937 graduate of Boyden High School and received an Associate Degree in Commercial Business from Flora McDonald College (now St. Andrews College) in 1939. She was employed with Material Sales Company, Salisbury 1939 – 1942; North Carolina Burial Association, Raleigh, 1942-1946; a homemaker raising two sons in Quincy, Florida 1946-1965; and Zimmerman's Department Store, Salisbury 1966 –1988.

She was a member of Centenary Methodist Church in Quincy, Florida and First Methodist Church of Salisbury and was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Salisbury Rotary Club.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by a son, Jeffrey Lethco Embry in 1965.

Left to cherish her memory are a son, Richard "Rick" Embry and wife Brenda of Cuenca, Ecuador; and two grandchildren, Liana Langdon-Embry and Marlsa Langdon-Embry; nephew, Temple Snyder and wife Johnnie of Brevard who have remained close over the years. Tankie was married for 19 years to R. Fain Embry of Quincy, Florida, deceased in 1991. They had two sons from the marriage.

The family also remembers her long-time friendships with Caroline Earnhardt and William "Bill" Crowder both now deceased, of Salisbury.

The family will receive friends 5-7 PM Monday, February 11, 2019 at Summersett Funeral Home.

Burial will be at a later date in Quincy, Florida.

Memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church, 217 S. Church Street, Salisbury, NC 28144 or The Lutheran Home at Trinity Oaks, 728 Klumac Road, Salisbury, NC 28144.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Embry family. Online condolences may be made at www.summersettfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 11. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Summersett Funeral Home

1315 W. Innes St.

Salisbury, NC 28144

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Tribute Wall

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“ Rick,

Our thoughts, prayers and love are with you and your family. Joe and Janet Fixel

Joe and Janet Fixel - February 11, 2019 at 08:26 PM

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“ *Dear Rick and Brenda, Liana and Mirisa,
I am thinking of you and will be praying for your comfort and peace as you cope with this loss. I have many memories of your Tankie! She was a lovely person whom we enjoyed! I am very sorry that I am unable to travel there to join in honoring her and her memory.
Sincerely, Julia Massey Pittman*

Julia Pittman - February 11, 2019 at 02:36 PM

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“ Rick.

I am so very sorry that you and your family are going through this sad time. I know how much your mother adored you. She was excited each time you would arrive for a visit as she anticipated the memorable time you shared with each other. I am sure that those visits are and will be cherished by you for the rest of your life!

I talked with her frequently in the hall at the Lutheran home. I never saw her when she didn't have a book in her hand. She loved to read as much as anyone I've ever known!

As you know, I finally got my strength back and was able to return home in September. Of course, I have loved being here, and I missed very little of those almost three years that I spent there, but I would have loved to have had more time with "Tankie" and will always remember how great she would make me feel about Jay and myself. She was an amazing friend!!

I will do my best to see you tomorrow night. I know that you are doing well, but I want to give you a hug, my friend!

Lovingly,

Sharon

Sharon Whittington - February 10, 2019 at 05:32 PM