



Sarah Oneida Hendrix Merrell

March 19, 1927 - January 23, 2020

Sarah Oneida Hendrix Merrell, 92, of Salisbury, passed away Thursday, January 23, 2020 at her home.

Born March 19, 1927 in Advance, she was the daughter of the late Lemuel Pinkston Hendrix and Lottie Chloe Woodard Hendrix.

A cum laude graduate of Catawba College with a degree in Business Administration, she had been assistant to two Vice Presidents of the College: Dr. Charles Turney and Dr. Robert E. Knott, and was Assistant Registrar at the time of retirement. She was a member of Alpha Chi National Honor Society and former Vice President of the local Chapter of the National Secretaries Association, and a member of the Salisbury Rowan Choral Society for several years.

Prior to employment at Catawba College, she was a substitute teacher for Spencer Elementary School, Executive Secretary and Supervisor of the Order Department at Carolina Forge, Inc.

A long-time member of Spencer First Baptist Church, she was a faithful member of the Chancel Choir, Bellringer, Sunday School teacher and Assistant Pianist. She also served on the Board of Deacons, Budget Committee, Chairman of the Music Committee and Assistant Choir Director

for several years. She was also active in the Woman's Missionary Society.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husbands, Lewis C. Lloyd and G. E. (Bill) Merrell; a brother, Omer W. Hendrix; a son-in-law, Chipper Hoffmann; step-son, Lindsay Merrell.

Survivors are two daughters: Joan Lloyd Hoffmann of Milledgeville, GA, and Sarah Lloyd Smith and beloved son-in-law, Earl H. Smith of Concord; five grandsons, Adam, Paul and Drew Smith, Charlie and Anthony Ellison: two great-grandsons, Hunter Smith and Teddy Ellison; great-granddaughter, Ellie Ellison; step-daughters, Sarah Head and Vickie Davis, step-son, E. F. Merrell; step-grandchildren: Elizabeth Head, Amanda Davis, Stephanie Journey, Anthony Merrell and Jonathan Merrell.

She was so well-loved by everyone who knew her and she left a legacy of what "love" means to her family, especially her Grandsons. She was such a true inspiration to her family, sharing her love of God and how important it is to put God first in your life. She blessed everyone's life with her sweet spirit and will be truly missed by all who knew her!!

The family will receive friends from 1-2 PM Saturday (Feb. 1) at Summersett Funeral Home followed by the service with Rev. Franklin Myers and Rev. Chris Henson, Chaplain for Trellis Supportive Care officiating. Interment will follow at City Memorial Park.

Memorials may be made to Trellis Supportive Care.

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

Cemetery Details

City Memorial Park

1316 West Innes St
Salisbury, NC 28144

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 1. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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

Service

FEB 1. 2:00 PM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall

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“ I have known and loved Mrs. Lloyd my whole life and found her to be a loving, warm, and talented neighbor and friend. Well done, good and faithful servant. Prayers are with Joan, Sarah, and their families. May God wrap his loving arms around you.

Patti L Secreast - February 01, 2020 at 08:56 AM

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“ Joan, Charlie and Anthony, I am sorry for your loss. May the memories bring smiles to you moving forward.

Dale Wynn - January 29, 2020 at 10:14 AM

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“ Dale Wynn lit a candle in memory of Sarah Oneida Hendrix Merrell



Dale Wynn - January 29, 2020 at 10:12 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Sarah Oneida Hendrix Merrell.



January 29, 2020 at 09:31 AM

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“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you from all your Friends at JMG 🙏❤️*



Luther Minor - January 29, 2020 at 09:27 AM

DS

“ *Thoughts and prayers for you and family.*

Doyle & Sissy Stone - January 29, 2020 at 08:02 AM