



## Shellie Cruse Hammill

January 29, 1950 - September 25, 2022

Shellie Love Cruse Hammill, 72, of Salisbury, NC passed away Sunday, September 25, 2022 at Novant Health Rowan Regional Medical Center. She was born January 29, 1950 in Rowan County, NC to the late Peggy Diane Talbert and George Fisher Cruse. Shellie was a graduate of North Rowan High School Class of 1968 and obtained her Associate Degree from Salisbury Business College. She worked as a Bookkeeper for Protec Sports.

Shellie was a member of Bethel Lutheran Church. She was a passionate gardener and enjoyed spending time in SouthPort and visiting with neighbors as well as walking to the waterfront and enjoying the view. She loved spending time with her granddaughters. Shellie had a miniature farm and loved looking after her two donkeys, Bert and Ernie.

Surviving is her husband of 53 years, Melvin Thomas Hammill; sons, Jesse T. Hammill and wife Kelly of Salisbury, NC and Josh S. Hammill of Burlington, NC; sisters, Cindy Adams (Murray) of Wilson, Mary Feller (Rick) of Arizona, and Nettie Julian (Robbie) of Faith, NC; and grandchildren Lily and Olivia Hammill.

The family would like to thank the staff at the Wallace Cancer Center and Novant Health.

The family will receive friends on Saturday, October 8, 2022 at the family residence.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to The American Cancer Society, PO Box 6704, Hagerstown, MD 21741.

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

# Tribute Wall

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“Curl loved her flowers and to decorate her house for all occasions. When I would come to town we would walk her and Tommy's yard. We would talk about what was old and new and where she got the new flowers. I would take clippings from her yard to take back to Az. with me. Their yard is a beauty. It always looked like it was from Better Homes and Garden magazines. All the sisters have gardens and I believe we inherited that from our dad who loved to garden and grow veggies. I called her Curl for her entire life (aka Shellie) she had all that hair with plenty of curls. She called me sister #3. It was a funny between us both.

We also loved to go up town and see the latest fashion. Of course it was always a stop at Haps to get a hot dog. We would either take mama a hot dog back to the house or she would come with us. Mama had us eat the hot dog out side the car, because it smelled so so good and it lingered. We got 3 hot dogs and shared one. We then stood outside of Haps and loved to laugh and joke about anything we could think of. I have a lot of other memories, but too many to share.

We would also walk down at southport along the shoreline hoping to see a huge ship come in. We would stop at Java's and get a tea and a bagel for us and a dessert for Tommy and walk back to their home.

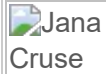
We may of had our differences from time to time, but I will surely miss my sister and I pray she is up in heaven with Jesus and has been assigned to the beautiful gardens that are there.

Love you Curl,

Mary Alice, sister #3

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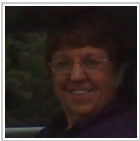
Mary Alice Cruse Feller - October 02, 2022 at 06:58 PM



“ Sweet Cousin Shellie. how she loved her flowers, her vintage dresses and her tiny yorkie. we considered her the family historian for the Cruse family. she was so eager to help track down her long lost grandfather who had become estranged before her birth when old letters from him were found at the old Cruse house. Later she was so excited to find her father's half brother (1/2 uncle) still living and guided her father into taking a DNA test for confirmation. it was a joyful time for her and my husband who was also happy to find his roots.  
later we shared a lot of happy times when she was in Southport. we are so saddened to hear of her passing. she will be forever missed.  
Jana Lanning Cruse

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**Jana Cruse** - September 30, 2022 at 12:00 PM



“ Shellie and I went to Lutheridge when she was 9 and I was 8. Mary Alice was to go with me but she was afraid to get a tetanus shot. George and Peggy picked us up and took us to Gatlinburg. It was a great trip. She would visit Alma and Paul and brought her boys with her. And went to the old pond at the Weants to get lotus plants. She was always happy and fun to be around. Sad to know she is gone but happy too for we know she is with George and Peggy and so happy with Jesus❤️

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**Sarah Presson** - September 28, 2022 at 05:59 PM



“ My heart is sad at the passing of my cousin Shellie. May God and her Mom and Dad welcome her to heaven as we grieve her here. Sending love to all of the family.

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**Sabrina Rufty** - September 27, 2022 at 09:05 PM

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*Nettie, so so sorry to hear about Shellie. My thoughts and prayers are with you and the family*

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**Bobbie Klutz** - September 28, 2022 at 11:44 AM