



## Stanton Thomas "Tom" Monroe

February 12, 1933 - August 24, 2021

Stanton Thomas "Tom" Monroe, 88, of Salisbury passed away Tuesday, August 24, 2021 at the Lutheran Home at Trinity Oaks.

Born February 12, 1933 in Bainbridge, NY, he was the son of the late Roswell M. Monroe and Isabel Sprague Monroe, and his step-mother Irene French Monroe.

A graduate of Bainbridge Central High School, he attended Cornell University studying Horticulture.

Greenhouse growing flowers and plants was the love of his life. He worked 45 years in greenhouses, the last 20 of which he and his wife Jane owned and operated Obenchains Garden Center in Roanoke, VA.

He was a charter member and first President of the Etowah-Horseshoe Volunteer Fire Department in 1964. A member of the Salem Kiwanis Club and served as President in 1990-91. Mr. Monroe was a member of the First Baptist Church of Salisbury and the Summa Petenda Sunday School Class.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Jane Miller Monroe on July 5, 2013, brothers, Roswell Sprague Monroe and David Miller Monroe, step son, Jeff Powers.

Those left to cherish his memory are his sons, Thomas Brian Monroe (Vickie) of Charlotte and Gary Kent Monroe of Salisbury; grandchildren, Brian Monroe (Nicole) and Emily Monroe; grandchildren, Luke Monroe and Hope Monroe; step-son, Gary Powers (Tam) of Salisbury; step-daughter in law, Sandy Powers of China Grove; five step grandchildren and eleven step great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends from 10-11 AM followed by the funeral service at 11 AM Saturday (August 28th) in Summersett Memorial Chapel with Rev. Brian Farmer

officiating. Interment will follow at Bethel Lutheran Church Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church, 223 N. Fulton St., Salisbury, NC 28144.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Bethel Lutheran Church Cemetery

Salisbury, NC

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**AUG 28.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Summersett Funeral Home

1315 W. Innes St.

Salisbury, NC 28144

(704) 633-2111

<https://www.summersettfuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Service

**AUG 28.** 11:00 AM (ET)

Summersett Memorial Chapel

1315 W. Innes St.

Salisbury, NC 28144

# Tribute Wall



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Stanton Thomas "Tom" Monroe.



August 26, 2021 at 10:55 PM

JW

“ I've knew Tom for many years. From upstate New York in fact. I always respected and admired him. He was a positive role model for me in my teen years and had a significant role in my career path. Thank you Tom. Peace be with you. In loving memory. Jim

James Washburn - August 26, 2021 at 04:26 PM

JB

“ My husband (Jim Blakeslee), our son (Adam Miller), and I (Jennifer Blakeslee) were invited by Tom and his late wife, Jane, to stay at their home during two of our road trips from Arizona to Salisbury in years past. It was always a pleasure to be with them, and they went out of their way to make us feel welcome. We loved their backyard with the bird houses and beautiful flowers and other vegetation. Tom immediately knew the names of all the flowers and also all the birds that would congregate in his lovely back yard. In 1996, when my daughter, Jessica, got married, Tom and Jane came to Phoenix to take part in the festivities. They brought us a Schefflera plant as a gift. Over the years, that original plant has produced many offshoots, all of which have continued to flourish ever since. Another special memory I have is that Tom (& Jane) were experts at solving jigsaw puzzles.

We feel blessed to have known Tom, and are glad to have such happy memories of our times with him.

Jennifer Blakeslee

Jennifer Blakeslee - August 25, 2021 at 04:46 PM

KM

“ I was privileged to have Tom as my uncle. He was always loving and kind and generous towards us. We shared many happy memories especially Christmas Eve celebrations together as a family. He and his wife, Aunt Jane , were always so thoughtful and helpful to our family. They were some of our most faithful supporters as we served in Africa for 12 years as missionaries with our four children.

*I remember whenever Uncle Tom would have a surgery coming up , he would always say it's going to be a " piece of cake." He tried to keep a positive attitude about his health, even though he had many health issues.*

*In recent years after Aunt Jane's death , we looked forward to seeing him for weekly family meals and to celebrate family birthdays together. We will certainly miss his quiet ,gentle Spirit and loving ways.*

*We say thank you heavenly Father for allowing us to share in the life of Uncle Tom. He was a huge blessing to everyone of us!*

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**Kim Myers** - August 25, 2021 at 09:55 AM



*I second my mom's post. Uncle Tom and Aunt Jane always would remember our birthdays and would always host our Christmas Eve parties. Tom was intelligent, thoughtful and kind and will be missed!*  
*Andrew*

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**Andrew Myers** - August 28, 2021 at 04:29 PM