



Susan Waller Abernethy

February 10, 1948 - June 29, 2024

Mrs. Susan Waller Abernethy, 76, of Salisbury, NC passed away surrounded by loved ones on June 29, 2024.

Susan was born on February 10, 1948, to Frances and J. L. Raymond Waller in Salisbury. After graduating from Boyden High School in 1966 she received her associate degree from Salisbury Business College. Ultimately, she found her passion working in education where she touched countless lives during her more than 30 years as an assistant teacher at Knollwood Elementary. During this time, she also served the community as PTO president, volunteer election worker, usher for Piedmont Players and as a member of the Salisbury Regional AIDS Interfaith Network (RAIN) team.

She was swept off her feet by the late Charles Leslie Abernethy of Salisbury after he rescued her from a bad date, and in 1973 they tied the knot. The two were married for 24 years at the time of his death in 1997. Together they had four children who have always been her greatest source of pride.

After retiring from Knollwood, she spent her time doting on grandchildren both near and far, caring for family members and connecting with friends. She loved her church family at Grace Lutheran where she spent time in the choir, volunteered on the altar guild, taught Sunday and summer Bible school, volunteered at Godstock and was a member of the Circle of Hope.

Additionally, she participated in the “Witness of Grace” Easter performance for several years, a testimony to her faith.

A lifetime fan of “good ‘ole rock and roll”, she was quick to sing anything by the Beatles and liked to keep up with the latest hits. Following in her mother’s footsteps, she loved to cook and delighted in preparing meals for family and friends, as well as trying her best to educate her children in proper techniques and tricks for serving southern delights.

Susan was preceded in death by her husband, parents, and sister Sylvia Hamilton. She is survived by her brother J Linn R Waller (Jeanette), her children: Melinda Abernethy (Lauren), Brad Abernethy (Kira), Katie Hamann (Joe) and Corey Abernethy (Kate), grandchildren: Charlie, Reed, Ava, Kaiya, Jude and Twins on the way; as well as her faithful canine companion, Maxwell.

Services will be held at Grace Lutheran Church on Sunday, July 7, 2024, at 2 pm. Visitation with the family to follow the service.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Grace Lutheran Church, Piedmont Players Theater, or the Humane Society of Rowan County.

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

Cemetery Details

Grace Lutheran Church Cemetery

3020 Grace Church Rd.
Salisbury, NC 28147

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL 7. 2:00 PM (ET)

Grace Lutheran Church
3020 Grace Church Rd.
Salisbury, NC 28147
office@summersettfuneral.com

Tribute Wall

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“ Susan and I knew each other, first at church, then as our children were at Knollwood Elementary School and later, became FB friends keeping up with each other. We shared our love for our children and our grandchildren. She loved comparing notes about how each of them were doing. We even shared our love of cooking. She was the strongest person I have ever known and met challenges head on, always with her family in mind. She loved each of them dearly. So sorry we're unable to express our deepest condolences to her family in person but we will be thinking of you and praying for you all. Rest In Peace. 💖🙏🌟 Love, Bunni and Alan Menius



Bunni Menius - July 05, 2024 at 10:18 PM

LR

We love Susan so much and it is still so hard for me to believe that she is gone but we ALL loved her so much and my love for her will NEVER change

Lorelai Ross - July 07, 2024 at 07:48 PM

AP

“ Atrium Union PCU purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Susan Waller Abernethy.



Atrium Union PCU - July 04, 2024 at 06:14 PM

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“ Atrium Union PCU planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Susan Waller Abernethy.

Atrium Union PCU - July 04, 2024 at 06:14 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Susan Waller Abernethy.



July 03, 2024 at 03:05 PM

TC

“ The Council planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Susan Waller Abernethy.

The Council - July 03, 2024 at 03:05 PM

SF

“ Steve, Sallie, Lauren, Jessica, Rob Foley purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Susan Waller Abernethy.



Steve, Sallie, Lauren, Jessica, Rob Foley - July 02, 2024 at 03:16 PM

SF

“ Steve, Sallie, Lauren, Jessica, Rob Foley planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Susan Waller Abernethy.

Steve, Sallie, Lauren, Jessica, Rob Foley - July 02, 2024 at 03:16 PM

LC

“ Liane C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Susan Waller Abernethy.

Liane C. - July 02, 2024 at 01:51 PM