



Mrs Xzantippa H. Miller

July 3, 1940 - February 25, 2017

Xzantippa H. (Tippie) Miller of Salisbury, passed away on Saturday, February 25, 2017, at Novant Health Rowan Medical Center. She was the wife of the late Robert B. (Bob) Miller III, who preceded her in death in 2001.

Tippie was born in Old Fort, North Carolina, on July 3, 1940. She was the daughter of the late Jefferson Clay Hensley and Margaret Suttles Hensley.

Tippie graduated from Boyden High School in 1958. In 1960 she married Bob, “the love of her life.” After raising her two children, Bobby and Sharon, Tippie began years of service to her community. In 1976, she was named “Woman of the Year” by the Salisbury Jr. Women’s Club. She served on the North Carolina board of the American Cancer Society for fifteen years and played a large role in the development of what is now known as Rowan Vocational Opportunities.

Tippie served for six years on the board of Rowan Helping Ministries and was instrumental in the construction of the new Ralph Ketner Center. She helped to organize the first Hospice of Rowan County, and after thirty years of effort, became the driving force behind the construction of The Kiser Hospice House. She served on the Novant Health Rowan Medical Center Foundation board for six years, where she acted as head of the development committee. Tippie was an avid supporter of Catawba College, where she served on the Board of

Visitors and the Steering Committee for future development, as well as serving as president of the Chiefs Club.

Through the years, Tippie received numerous service awards. She was recognized by two seated governors for her volunteer services. In 2014 she was named Volunteer of the Year for Excellence in Health Care by the Charlotte Business Journal. In 2016 Tippie was the recipient of the Wilson L. Smith Philanthropic Award presented by the Novant Health Rowan Medical Center Foundation.

Tippie enjoyed spending time with her family and close friends. She enjoyed traveling, she loved to cook, and she took great joy in seeing as many of her grandson's baseball games as she possibly could. When not on the go, her favorite pastime was spending time with her beloved cat Smudge.

Tippie is survived by her son Robert Jefferson (Bobby) Miller of Salisbury, daughter Sharon Miller Earnhardt and grandson Robert Chase Earnhardt of Faith, special aunt Betty Suttles of Marion, sisters-in-law Mary Catherine Miller Taylor (Clyde) of Hickory and Linda Miller Price (Larry) of Hillsboro, as well as numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, and special friends.

A visitation will be held on Friday, March 3, 2017 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at The Faith Center at St. John's Lutheran Church. The funeral service will be held on Saturday, March 4, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Novant Health Rowan Medical Center Foundation , 130 Mocksville Ave, Salisbury, NC 28144 to be used for the Kiser Hospice House, or to Novant Health Rowan Medical Center Foundation to be used for Cancer Services.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Miller family. Online condolences

may be made at www.summersettfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall

JA

“ I believe that Tippiie was my first girl friend when we were in Wiley School together just before she moved to Wilmington. She lived on Maupin Avenue at the time. She was always a leader, and I'm sure Salisbury will miss her.
Jim Arey, Suwanee, Ga.

Jim Arey - March 15, 2017 at 01:20 PM

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“ She was my 2nd mom & just visited her about 3 weeks ago. My heart breaks that I did not know until yesterday about her passing. Spent many, many hours with her & her family at my 2nd home. Lots of Love to Sharon & Bobby. Your Mother was the Greatest!!!
Steve Morgan

steve - March 06, 2017 at 04:00 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs Xzantippa H. Miller.



March 02, 2017 at 02:47 PM

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“ Two years ago my husband and I were privileged to meet and come to know one of the most caring and sharing individuals we have ever known. Tippi came to spend some time during her illness with her amazing daughter Sharon and her grandson Chase. This time became for us an opportunity to know this fine lady. Many afternoons I spent talking, laughing and observing the intelligence and compassion of Tippi for the Salisbury community and the needs of people there. It is one thing to talk of dreams of doing good and another to follow through. She followed and folks continue to profit from her endeavors, For Sharon and Bobby she leaves big boots to be filled but she also leaves her love and guidance to help you as you continue to honor her memory. God bless! Daisy and Oscar Bost

Daisy Bost - February 28, 2017 at 08:50 PM

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“ Never have I met someone who's personal goal was to help others and give back to the community. Dedication, devotion and drive, Lucky to have been best friends with Bobby for my entire life, which gave me the opportunity to be around such a great family. Growing up, the Miller house was always filled with friends, and the Miller's always made you feel comfortable and welcome. The door was always open!! Many of my brothers had the opportunity to be coached by "Big Bob" during our early years of life's development with the St. John's Little League teams. Good times!! With a tear in my eye, and a heavy heart, it is difficult to say goodbye to such a special person. You will truly be missed! Thank you Tippi Miller for all you did! You left your mark in, and around, Salisbury for others to enjoy, and we are greatly thankful for these gifts.

Godspeed!!!

Coe Brier - February 28, 2017 at 09:41 AM