



Yvonne R. McGaha

June 10, 1939 - December 13, 2023

Yvonne R. McGaha went to be with her Heavenly Father on December 13, 2023. Yvonne was born June 10, 1939, in Myersville, MD, the daughter of the late Helen and George Rice. She enjoyed the rural life and loved hanging around her father's barbershop with her older sister Gene. She attended Middletown High School, graduating in 1957. While there she formed lifelong friendships with a group that called themselves the "Golden Girls." They became an enduring source of fun, love, and support.

Her compassion for others led to an associate degree from the University of Pittsburgh. With her training she went on to serve as a Medical Assistant to doctors from Maryland to Florida, including in Salisbury for Rowan Hospital. Her beaming smile and delight in small talk brought comfort to those she met at work and play.

In 1961, Yvonne married David McGaha and for 62 years they were inseparable. They moved to Martinsburg, WV in 1969 where they operated David Allen's, a downtown clothing store serving men and women. For 23 years, she and David grew the business, working as perfect partners in business and life. Yvonne's loyal customers enjoyed her personal touch, and many became close friends.

Outside of her business, she was active in the community. She enjoyed Junior Civic League, the Garden Club, and tutoring children with disabilities. Yvonne loved spending time on the beach and treasured her time at their cottage in Myrtle Beach, SC. Later they moved to Florida, first to Bonita Springs and

then to The Villages. For thirty years they enjoyed golf, travel and meeting new friends. Recently they relocated to Trinity Oaks, in Salisbury North Carolina to be closer to their family.

Those left to cherish her memory are her husband, David McGaha, her daughter Georgia Simons and husband George, her son Scott McGaha and three grandchildren that were her pride and joy: David Simons, Philip Simons (wife Kathryn) and Ellen Simons, and a niece Carol Stanfield (husband David).

A memorial service will be held Thursday January 4, 2024, at St. John's Lutheran Church, 200 West Innes St, at 1:00 in the Sanctuary with visitation to follow. The service will be livestreamed at www.stjohns-salisbury.org/worship/online/

Memorials can be made to Community Care Clinic of Rowan County, 315G Mocksville Ave., Salisbury, NC 28144 or Meals on Wheels of Rowan, PO Box 1914, Salisbury, NC 28145.

Summerset Funeral Home is assisting the family. Online condolences may be made at www.summersetfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 4. 1:00 PM (ET)

St. John's Lutheran Church
200 W. Innes St.
Salisbury, NC 28144

Visitation Following Service

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Tribute Wall

TC

“ *The Results Company planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Yvonne R. McGaha.*

The Results Company - January 03, 2024 at 07:48 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Yvonne R. McGaha.*



January 03, 2024 at 07:48 AM

LB

“ *David, we are so sorry to hear of the passing of Yvonne. We fondly remember the evening of Dining with Nine that you and Yvonne hosted and our conversations about Gerald Fuss and Tom Golladay. Again we extend our sincere sympathy.
Leah and Tom Van de Bussche, The Villages, Florida*

Leah Van de Bussche - December 22, 2023 at 10:17 AM

BD

“ *Scott I was so sorry to learn of your mother's death. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your sister. Hope you are both well your father also Sincerely. Betsy your fourth grade teacher (in the junior fourth class)*

betsy dove - December 21, 2023 at 02:01 PM

GS

“ David and family, we are sorry to learn of Yvonne's passing. We loved having you in Martinsburg and have missed you so many times. Our love and prayers to you and your family.
Glen & Sandy Sherrard

Glen & Sandy Sherrard - December 21, 2023 at 07:56 AM

SH

“ Dave, Georgia and Scott: My deepest and heartfelt sympathies go out to you. Rick and I enjoyed the fun times we shared with you and Yvonne. We had many laughs in our younger and more carefree days. The memory that has been with me since I read of Yvonne's passing happened during a Christmas shopping trip to Toys R Us. I hope Dave that you remember those laughs we had over Rick and Yvonne. On a very serious note, I am so thankful that I saw you at Church several years ago. I think all three of us cried and laughed (of course it was before the sermon). Take care my dear friends. The pain of your grief will lesson a little over time. You are in my prayers.

Sallye Heaton - December 20, 2023 at 11:41 AM



“ Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Yvonne R. McGaha.



December 19, 2023 at 07:57 PM

RP

“ *Yvonne was a warm and friendly person who shared life with gusto!
Our heartfelt sympathy to David, Georgia and Scott. Richard & Pat
Paschall*

Richard Paschall - December 19, 2023 at 05:54 AM