



Zeta Miller Smith

July 16, 1926 - September 30, 2022

Zeta Miller Smith, 96, of Salisbury, went Home to the Lord on Friday, September 30, 2022 at Novant Health Presbyterian Medical Center in Charlotte.

Born July 16, 1926 in Rowan County, she was the daughter of the late Ernest Edgar Miller and Agatha Eller Miller. She was a 1943 graduate of Spencer High School, was a seamstress, a dedicated mother, and an adored grandmother and great grandmother.

She was a member of Messiah Lutheran Church where she was a member of the Bible Study, taught Sunday School, and sang in the choir. In her quiet time, she enjoyed reading scripture, completing sudoku puzzles and word searches, and watching Cincinnati baseball and Carolina Panthers football. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a son, James Harold Smith on June 25, 1999, as well as four brothers and three sisters over the years.

Left to cherish her memory are her son Donald A. Smith, Jr. and wife Shirley; grandchildren, Nicole S. Moss and husband Chad, Angela S. Shores and husband Jonathan, David A. Smith, and Jennifer M. Smith; and great-grandchildren, Corbin, Morgan, and Emma.

As the matriarch of her family, Zeta created traditions, inspired successes, and built futures that will last lifetimes. Nothing was more important than Jesus and family. She touched lives with smiles, food, and love, and will be remembered in family traditions, meals, shared recipes, treasured moments

and conversations, and the sacrifices she made to see her loved ones attend college, start careers, raise families, and shine their lights into our world.

The family will receive friends from 12 – 1 p.m. Wednesday, October 5, 2022 at Summersett Funeral Home. The funeral service will be at 1 p.m. in Summersett Memorial Chapel with Rev. Don R. Safrit officiating. Entombment will follow in the Rowan Memorial Park Mausoleum.

Memorials may be made to the Lymphoma Society, 4530 Park Road, Suite 240, Charlotte, NC 28209 or Novant Health Foundation at <https://supportnovanthealth.org/give-where-you-live/> (choose Novant Health Presbyterian Medical Center Foundation to support the care teams in Harris House Hospice and Palliative Care that cared for Zeta).

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

Cemetery Details

Rowan Memorial Park Mausoleum

4125 Fanklin Community Center Road
Salisbury, NC 28144

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 5. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Summersett Funeral Home
1315 W. Innes St.
Salisbury, NC 28144
(704) 633-2111
<https://www.summersettfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

OCT 5. 1:00 PM (ET)

Summersett Memorial Chapel
1315 W. Innes St.
Salisbury, NC 28144

Tribute Wall

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“ *Donnie so sorry for your loss. Sending prayers for you and the family. Your mom was a special lady who will be missed. The last time I saw your mom, I was visiting the old home stead. Your mom saw me walking up to and Ann and Jack's house and came running over to say hi. We had a nice conversation. Dianne Walsh Bohannon*

Dianne Bohannon - October 07, 2022 at 12:09 PM

“ Below are a few things I learned from my Grandma:

It's okay to leave your Christmas tree up all year. Which is to say, it's okay to prioritize yourself, your time, your energy, over a task on your to do list if taking time for yourself is needed. Christmas will come around again and then you'll be prepared.

Make more food than they can eat. Then send them home with leftovers. Love them and send them home with love.

You don't need a big, fancy kitchen to prepare a feast for the ones you love. A small kitchen filled with a large table, plenty of chairs, more helping hands than can be counted, good conversation, and lots of love is all you really need. It is more than enough.

Always have more than you think you'll need or always be prepared. Grandma always had extra packs of socks, or some other gift, just in case one of us brought a plus one to Christmas. She didn't want anyone to feel left out or not thought of.

Handmade gifts are magical. I remember beautiful doll clothes Grandma made with her own hands for us for Christmas that were nothing like anything we could get at a store. Like Grandma, they were one of a kind.

Keep it. Whatever it is. You never know when you'll need it. But when you do, you'll have it.

And a few cooking tips:

** You can never have enough vinegar, especially in deviled eggs and pickles.*

** Chex mix is best when it's homemade and includes Cheerios.*

** Spices! Use spices! And a variety of them. I remember as kids we used to hold our breath when we'd open the spice cabinet at Grandma's to get something out. Now, I inhale deeply when I open my own spice cabinet and I breathe in spices and memories.*

Grandma gave me the recipe for Resurrection cookies, long before my daughters were born. But that started a family tradition that has continued for over a decade now, and will continue for as long as my girls will allow.

Love Jesus.

Pray. God is listening.

~ Angela

Angela - October 06, 2022 at 10:21 AM

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“ *This was truly a sweet woman of God. I first met Zeta many yrs ago when I washed hair at Judy’s Beauty Shop. I always loved her smile, her funny stories and her sincere kindness. I’ve seen her thru the years and would often speak and grab a quick hug. Some people are just unforgettable and Zeta was certainly one of them* 🌹

Kimberly Shores - October 05, 2022 at 08:49 AM