



Mrs. Doris Salisbury Sheppard

May 14, 1925 - May 6, 2019

Doris Mildred Fannie Louise Salisbury Sheppard, daughter of James and Ida Salisbury, was born on Martin County, NC on May 14, 1925. God in his infinite wisdom and unfailing power called her to her eternal home on May 6, 2019. "Muh", as she was affectionately called, was the third oldest of six children. She attended Post Oak School until the third grade before having to leave school in order to help her family. As a little girl, Doris became a self-taught seamstress, mending and making clothes to earn money. In her younger days, she dreamed of being a teacher and a "professional" seamstress. Little did she realize, she was both to many people in many different ways. In 1945, she married Johnny Lee Sheppard. She raised her children, two nieces and one nephew with love and care.

Early in her life she accepted Christ and was baptized at Whichard Chapel Holiness Church in Stokes, NC. Later she became a member of Union Grove. A dedicated and faithful member of her church, she was appointed as a "Mother" of Union Grove.

In addition to being a homemaker, she worked as a tenant farmer, a caretaker and became an accomplished seamstress. She spent decades sewing choir robes, bridesmaid dresses, suits and other fashions for so many in her community. Her work brought her happiness and valuable friendships that she would maintain throughout her life. She was known as a woman of grace with a stylish sense of fashion, which included the perfect accessories and matching Sunday hats ~ a signature look she maintain throughout the end.

With just a third grade education, Doris was rarely confident in her knowledge, but she understood the power of her right to vote and she exercised it every chance she had, proudly using her curbside voting when she could not longer walk in to do it. Most importantly, she encouraged others to do the same. She led by example and was the perfect model of parenting, grand parenting, unconditional love, humor, and inner strength. She will be profoundly missed by many. Doris's true joy in life were her children, grandchildren and extended relatives and church family. Their laughter and energy and the love she exhibited to them and the love that reciprocated undoubtedly added years to her life.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Johnny Lee Sheppard; three sisters, Mary James, Ella James, Ella Johnson; one brother, James Salisbury.

Left to cherish precious memories are her four children, Johnny Mack Little of Raeford, NC, Ann Teel (Mack) of Bethel, NC, Johnny Van Sheppard (Sylvia) of Saratoga, NC, Dorothy Vines of Wilson, NC; two nieces she raised, Clara Mae James of Mount Olive, NC, Ida Andrews of Gastonia, NC; one loving sister, Christine "Sis" Andrews of Greenville, NC; twenty-two grandchildren; thirty-six great-grandchildren; thirty-one great-great-grandchildren; four great-great-great-grandchildren; a host of family and friends.

Cemetery Details

Homestead Memorial Gardens

4251 E. 10th Street
Greenville, NC 27858

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 10. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Union Grove Free Will Baptist Church
2846 Sheppard Mill Rd
Greenville, NC 27834

Service

MAY 11. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Doris Salisbury Sheppard*

October 06, 2023 at 05:52 AM



“ *Ann & Mack,
I did not know your mom, just from looking at the pictures, look as though she had a long wonderful life. We are sorry to hear of your loss, we were in Ct, would have supported you otherwise. You were truly blessed to have enjoyed your mom for a long season. Hope to see/talk soon. Peggy & Joe Slade/Robersonville, NC*



Joseph & Peggy Slade - May 17, 2019 at 10:31 PM



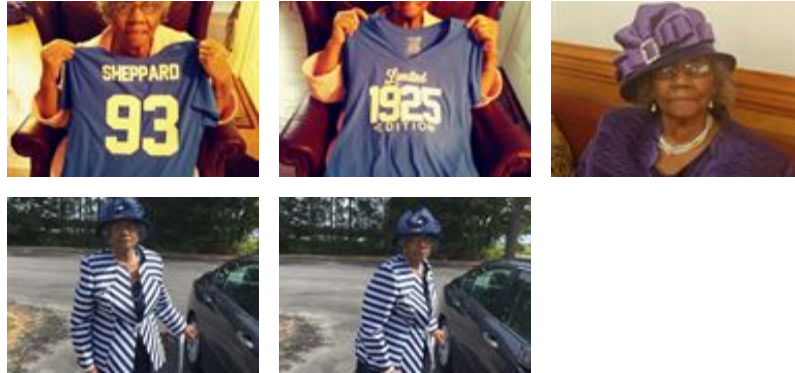
“ *Congleton Funeral Home And Staff sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Doris Salisbury Sheppard*



Congleton Funeral Home and Staff - May 13, 2019 at 03:37 PM



“ 100 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Congleton Memorial Mortuary - May 09, 2019 at 04:57 PM

ED

“ *Eddie And Ethelene Davis sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Doris Salisbury Sheppard*



Eddie and Ethelene Davis - May 09, 2019 at 02:46 PM

Leslie
Graham

“ *Ms Doris was a wonderful woman. She use to sew for my Mom, Flossie while living in Meadowbrook. Those 2 could carry on a conversation for hours if you let them. Ms Doris also gave me some pointers on sewing.*

I am sorry for your loss. Her memories will always be with you.

God bless

Leslie

Leslie Graham - May 08, 2019 at 07:43 PM

BH

“ *Barbara Hooker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Doris Salisbury Sheppard*



Barbara Hooker - May 08, 2019 at 05:35 PM

LN

“ *Lisa Nichols lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Doris Salisbury Sheppard*



Lisa Nichols - May 08, 2019 at 09:20 AM

MC

“ *Minister Dora Cox sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Doris Salisbury Sheppard*



minister dora cox - May 07, 2019 at 04:07 AM

TK

“ *Tracey King lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Doris Salisbury Sheppard*



Tracey King - May 06, 2019 at 04:07 PM

CS

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