



Mrs. Jane Harris Mitchell

November 30, 1916 - July 23, 2017

Jane Harris Mitchell, 100, of Cullowhee passed away peacefully on Sunday, July 23, 2017 at Brooks Howell Home in Asheville, NC. She was born in Spencer, NC, on November 30, 1916.

Jane was preceded in death by her husband of 43 years, Stedman Mitchell, who passed away on June 17, 2017; her parents, James and Clementine Harris; and her sister, Sara Young, all of Spencer.

Surviving Jane are her two children, Beth Palmer (Chip) of Texas, and David Smith (Wanda) of Salisbury; two step daughters, Susan Thrower of Asheville and Frances Mincey (Jim) of Cullowhee. Surviving grandchildren include Chris Palmer and Stephanie Palmer of Texas, David Smith, Jr. of Colorado, Courtney Wood (Shannon) of Salisbury, Brittany Morrow and Brian Morrow of Salisbury, Valerie Moss (Dan) of Hillsboro, and Mitchell Mincey (Mary Beth) of Waynesville. Her four great grandchildren are Victoria Smith of Salisbury, Jay Wood and Ashley Wood of Salisbury, and Ryan Moss of Hillsboro. In addition, Jane is survived by many nieces and nephews who held a special place in her heart.

A child of the Depression and a member of the "Greatest Generation", Jane was born and raised in Spencer, NC - then a main repair hub for the old Southern Railroad. She earned an athletic scholarship to Flora McDonald College from which she graduated in 1938 with degree in Home Economics. While raising her family in Spencer, she was active in PTA, Girl Scouts, Hospital Auxiliary, Spencer Presbyterian Church, as well as many other civic

and community organizations. She was an avid golfer, a beautiful seamstress, a fantastic cook, and an avid traveler.

Jane married and moved to Cullowhee, in beautiful western NC, where she continued to be active in the life of that community. As a longtime member of Cullowhee Baptist Church, she taught Sunday School for many years. In the last half of her life she embraced mountain living, loved her combined families, and found joy in life.

A memorial service will be held at 3:00pm on Sunday, September 3, 2017 at Cullowhee Baptist Church. The family will receive friends beginning at 2:00pm at the church.

In lieu of flowers, any memorials can be made to Cullowhee Baptist Church, PO Box 37, Cullowhee, NC 28723 or to Spencer Presbyterian Church, PO Box 4, Spencer, NC 28159.

Previous Events

Family will Receive Friends

SEP 3. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Cullowhee Baptist Church
148 Central Drive
Cullowhee, NC 28723

Memorial Service

SEP 3. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Jane Harris Mitchell*

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Jane Harris Mitchell.*



August 30, 2017 at 02:55 PM



“ *Upon reading the Salisbury Post this a.m. , I was flooded with memories of Miss Jane (as she told me to call her in the 4th grade). I remember her always being there for our class parties and I thought that was great. Seeing that she was 100 years old brought back the realization that my father would have been 100 years old this year and if I remember right they were in the same class together during their school years as we were. At my home, she was always referred to as Dr. Smith's wife and I guess that is why I was calling her Mrs. Smith until that day in the 4th grade. Anyway Beth, this picture certainly brought back happy memories and you certainly looked a lot like her. My condolences to you and your family on this loss and God's speed during this time of grief.*

As always,

*Terry Julian
Faith, NC*

W. Terry Julian - July 30, 2017 at 09:33 AM