



Mary Roper Davis

August 23, 1928 - February 21, 2020

Mary Roper Davis, 91, a lifelong resident of North Carolina, died on February 21, 2020.

Mary was born in a small fishing village, Engelhard, North Carolina, August 23, 1928. She was the daughter of the late Henry Lee and Rosalie Roper. She was a resident of the Arden area for the past seventy years.

Mary was preceded in death by her husband of 56 years, Claude D. Davis, Sr.. They were devoted to one another, providing a positive, loving home for their two children. Mary was also preceded in death by three sisters, Sarah 'Sadie' Roper, Ellen Roper Hamlett, and Elsie R Spencer; and a brother, William L. Roper.

She is survived by her daughter, Elaine Davis Barnes and her husband, David Barnes, of Weaverville; son, C. David Davis, Jr. and his wife, Sue Siebels, of Charlottesville, VA. In addition, she leaves two sisters, Judy R. Forbes of Elizabeth City, NC, Jackie R. Sawyer of Webster, MA, and one brother, HL Roper of Bristol, TN., all of whom were very special to her. Mary is survived and loved by many friends and extended family.

Mary worked part-time in fabric and clothing retail. However, her life's calling was of a higher nature...that of providing unconditional love and support for her husband, children, family, neighbors, and friends. She easily balanced an

active home life that included baking “the best yeast rolls in the world,” cooking delicious meals at all hours of the day/night for countless law enforcement agents who were Claude’s colleagues, tending not only to her own children but to children of close friends and neighbors, and providing meals and caregiving for homebound neighbors and friends. She extended open arms and compassion to many in need of a listening ear and a home-cooked meal.

Mary never met a stranger. Anyone who entered her home was greeted with her always present smile, a cup of coffee, and homemade oatmeal cookies. She showed on a daily basis the power of a positive attitude, love, and a strong belief in God. Inside the cover of Mary’s favorite cookbook she pasted this saying, clipped from a local newspaper: “Fill each day with kindness and joy will fill your heart.” She practiced that every day.

She was a member of Calvary Episcopal Church, an avid reader, walker, proficient seamstress, and quilter. Mary enriched the lives of those around her. Family, friends, and neighbors will be forever blessed with her presence and joy for life. Heaven will shine brighter with Mary’s spirit and love.

Dementia is a thief. It robs memories and abilities to conduct daily tasks. It never took away Mary’s smile, caring, and love for others. They remain with her....always.

The funeral service will be conducted at 1:00 PM February 29, 2020 at Calvary Episcopal Church in Fletcher with the Reverend J. Clarkson officiating. A brief burial prayer service will follow in Calvary Episcopal Churchyard Cemetery.

Immediately following funeral and burial services, the family will receive friends and relatives in Calvary Episcopal Church Parish Hall for food and fellowship to celebrate the life of Mary Davis.

The family wishes to thank Mary's family, friends, neighbors, and Calvary Episcopal Church members who faithfully visited her through these many months. A special thanks to the wonderful caring staff of Harmony at Reynolds Mtn, Four Season Hospice, special sitters, and physicians, nurses, and providers who compassionately and lovingly looked out for Mary.

Western District State Bureau of Investigation Special Agents will serve as pallbearers.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Calvary Episcopal Church, P.O. Box 187 Fletcher, NC 28732 or Four Seasons Hospice 571 South Allen Road Flat Rock, NC 28731.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Episcopal Churchyard

2840 Hendersonville Road
Fletcher, NC 28732

Previous Events

Funeral Service

FEB 29. 1:00 PM (ET)

Calvary Episcopal Church
2840 Hendersonville Road
Fletcher, NC 28732
(828) 684-6320
<http://www.calvaryfletcher.org/>

Reception

FEB 29. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Roper Davis*

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *I enjoyed reading this beautiful tribute to Mary... she was such a special person! As a hospice social volunteer visiting most weeks over the past 6 months, I was always received with a big smile and warm eyes. She was a caring soul and loved to talk, paint and keep busy. We enjoyed our time together. She had no fear, just immense love. A tear rolled down from her eye on one visit when I told her that love never dies and she will continue to live on in the hearts of her loved ones. She knows this to be true.*



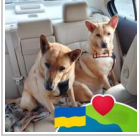
Susan Devine - February 29, 2020 at 06:36 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Roper Davis.*



February 28, 2020 at 11:58 AM



“ *My Deepest condolences to Elaine and David her daughter and son and to all her family and friends.*

I was a neighbor and a dear friend to Mary. In 2005 I moved from CA with my old dog to care for my aging mother nearby. I truly was blessed to have Mary as one of my closest neighbors! I moved here with just about nothing and not only did a rake or a shovel come over for me to borrow...Her oatmeal cookies and often some of her delicious biscuits also came too. Mary almost always had a smile, a sweet message and or kind words! She was a gift to this world and all those who got to be in her life!

In 2009 I lost my mother to heart problems. It was unexpected and a very hard time. But Mary was there to comfort me and then I got to officially call her my other mom or just mom. She was a real angel and I am sure that where she is now is with all the other special angles, all her other family, friends and loved who had left before her. And of course with the Lord our God...resting in love & peace now and forever.

I will truly miss my sweet, kind and loving (my other mom) Mary. Her life of caring, sharing, loving & filled with smiles has truly made my life much better! Her I both loved the wildlife and especially the birds. We cared for them daily with feeders scattered throughout our front and backyards. And what a site...we had them all. Bluebirds, Cardinals, Finches, Carolina Wrens, Humming Birds... They are all still here and when I hear them singing so beautifully everyday....I often think of Mary. Such a Beautiful Woman God shared with us here on the Earth! Rest in Peace my dear friend Mary. I will miss you...but you will always have a special place in my heart. ❤️

Karen Smelter - February 25, 2020 at 09:42 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Roper Davis.*



February 23, 2020 at 01:38 PM



“ *Jules Hensley lit a candle in memory of Mary Roper Davis*



Jules Hensley - February 23, 2020 at 01:00 PM



“ *Lisa Morris lit a candle in memory of Mary Roper Davis*



Lisa Morris - February 23, 2020 at 12:31 PM



“ *Mary I'm going to miss you so much. Your giggle, your sideways glance when you were not quite sure about me, the mischievous little sparkle in your beautiful eyes. You definitely made coming to work fun. I will love & miss you forever. Thank you Elaine for allowing me to be part of your precious Mamas life. I love you. You will be in my prayers.*

Lisa Morris - February 23, 2020 at 12:30 PM

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“ *Suelene Hensley lit a candle in memory of Mary Roper Davis*



Suelene Hensley - February 23, 2020 at 10:25 AM

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“ *My Mary Mary :(I'm so blessed to have you a part of my life!! You are the sweetest thing ever and how I loved seeing your smile and you giggle everytime I would come up to you and say Mary Mary ♡ its definitely not the same with you not there. I go in your room and sit for a moment I can see you smiling ♡ and when I was doing something you didnt like hahaha you would get my hand and pop it. I could always tell you was a great Momma because Elaine is a great daughter!! You could just see the love you had for each other ♡ even though you HAD dementia thank God you dont anymore but even though you had dementia they way you looked at her I could see the love in your eyes. My goodness I miss you so much and you are loved more then you know ♡♡ you touched everybody you came in contact with. I love you sweet Mary ♡ I know you are in heaven rejoicing with our Lord!! I love you RIP. Elaine I'm sorry I love you and I'm praying for you!! I'm always here if you need anything. Love you Mary Mary ♡♡ Suelene Hensley*

Suelene Hensley - February 23, 2020 at 10:22 AM

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“ *Elaine, i so enjoyed getting to know your Mom when I was working for her. Thanks for that opportunity. She was such a nice sweet kind person who certainly knew how to bake cakes. Much love to all of you in this time. I know you will miss her. I will have you in my thoughts and prayers. May God bless. Mary Millar*

Mary Millar - February 22, 2020 at 06:47 PM

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“ I am surely going to miss her very bad she was the light of my day always lefted her with I'll see you tomorrow and she always gave me okay and a laugh rest now your home many prayers to all the family a very perfect ANGEL !



Angie payne - February 22, 2020 at 04:57 PM

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“ Dear Elaine, David, Sue & David,
Love and peace to you all. Aunt Mary's sweet smile & loving ways have and will always be a special love I will always cherish.
Thinking of you all.
All our love, Jennifer, Barry & Tucker

Jennifer Oliver - February 22, 2020 at 12:13 PM