

Mrs. Nancy Lois Johnston Zimmerman, 98, of Salisbury, died Thursday (August 6, 2020) at her home.

Born January 1, 1922 in Winston-Salem, NC, Nancy was the daughter of the late Charles Prevette and Daisy Ethel Whitaker Johnston. She graduated from Reynolds High School in Winston-Salem; and from Meredith College (Raleigh, NC) with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English ('42).

Nancy began her teaching career in LaGrange, NC and later taught at Reynolds High School. In 1947 she moved to Washington, DC and began her second career in the Social Security Administration. She was eventually transferred to the Social Security office in Salisbury where she met her future husband, Dr. John Wesley Zimmerman, Jr. They married October 1, 1949.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. John Wesley Zimmerman, Jr. on April 11, 2001 and a sister-in-law, Patty Zimmerman Seay.

Nancy and John had four children: John Wesley Zimmerman III (deceased), Charles Ripple Zimmerman (deceased), and surviving children, Robert "Bob" Johnston Zimmerman and wife Gerri, and Nancy "Nan" Ann Zimmerman. She is also survived by the love of her life, granddaughter Katherine "Kate" Elizabeth Zimmerman (boyfriend, Ben Polk) and Kate's mother Netra Alderson Zimmerman. Survivors also include brother-in-law Judge Thomas W. Seay, nieces Jane Seay Patterson (Rufty), Linda Seay Robertson (Randy), and cousin Nancy Ripple Donald. Later in life Nancy welcomed granddaughter Kristin Lassiter (Joshua) and grandchildren Harper and Skylar Lassiter into the family. Nancy was an avid animal lover and had numerous grandcats and granddogs.

A member of First United Methodist Church and the Daisy Hedrick Sunday school class, she served her church faithfully in many roles. She was a member of the Preface Book Club, and was a Girl Scout Leader (FUMC) for many years. She loved each and every one of her scouts and the tents they camped in. She loved reading, teaching, traveling, yardwork, sewing, quilting, and needlework.

A graveside service will be held at City Memorial Park on Tuesday, August 11, 2020, 11:00 am, and is open to friends and family. Rev. Dr. Mark Conforti and Rev. Jeff Insley will conduct the service. Friends and family are welcomed to stop by the family home after the graveside service to visit and break bread together (masks will be provided).

Special love and gratitude go to Nancy's loyal caregivers: Vernell Lee, Angela Murphy, Hannah Duncan, Katina Hobson, Linda Brown, Melanie Mowery, Elaine Carson, and Erica Cauthen (Hospice nurse).



## A SERVICE CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

*Nancy Johnston Zimmerman*

JANUARY 1, 1922 - AUGUST 6, 2020

SALISBURY, NORTH CAROLINA

# The Order of Service

Tuesday, August 11, 2020

11:00 in the morning

## GREETING

### PRAYER *(in unison)*

Our Jesus Christ our risen Lord, you have gone before us in death.  
Grant us the assurance of your presence,  
that we who are anxious and fearful in the face of death  
may confidently face the future,  
in the knowledge that you have prepared a place for all who love you.  
Comfort us who mourn; and give us grace,  
in the presence of death, to worship you,  
that we may have a sure hope of eternal life  
and put our whole trust in your goodness and mercy. Amen.

### PSALTER *(in unison)*

*The Twenty-third Psalm*

The Lord is my shepherd;  
I shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;  
he leadeth me beside the still waters.  
He restoreth my soul;  
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.  
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil, for thou art with me;  
thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.  
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;  
Thou anointest my head with oil;  
my cup runneth over.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

### THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 121

### PRAYER

### THE HOLY GOSPEL      John 14, selected verses

The Word of God for the people of God.  
Thanks be to God!

## HOMILY

### THE LORD'S PRAYER *(in unison)*

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever. Amen.

## COMMENDATION

### DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

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The Rev. Dr. Mark Conforti  
*Senior Pastor, First United Methodist Church*

The Rev. Jeff Insley  
*Pastor, Bethel and Grace United Methodist Churches*

Memorials: The Children's Home Society of North Carolina  
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