

Sarah Elizabeth Devereux Shuler passed away on Friday, July 3, 2020 at The Laurels of Salisbury, NC at the age of 102.

She was born October 30, 1917 the eldest of three children to George Discan Devereux and Lillie Adcock Devereux of Rowan County. Sarah was a graduate of Boyden High School and Salisbury Business College and worked in the office at North Carolina Finishing Company before working in the family businesses. She was Secretary/Treasurer of Shuler Fence Company when she retired.

Sarah was a lifelong resident of Rowan County, and a longtime member of First United Methodist Church of Salisbury. Always putting others first, she will be remembered for her unconditional love for her family, her wisdom, her amazing resilience, and wonderful attitude.

Mrs. Shuler is predeceased by her husband James E. (Bud) Shuler, one brother, George (Buck) Devereux, and one sister, Virginia McEliece.

She is survived by four sons, James E. Shuler, Jr. and wife Linda of Durham; George B. Shuler and wife Sondra of Salisbury; Charles F. Shuler and wife Patricia of Salisbury; and John R. Shuler of Salisbury. Also surviving are ten grandchildren: Michael Shuler and girlfriend Jackie Peeler; Jamie Moore and husband Garrett of Salisbury; Angela Vasiloff and husband Nathan of Charlotte; Greg Shuler and wife Jamie of Mocksville; Sarah Matthews and husband Daryl of Richfield; Abby Shuler of Charlotte; Brad Shuler and wife Tammy of Durham; Jeff Shuler and wife Kem of Mebane; and Phil Shuler and wife Amanda of Burlington; and Nicky Blakeley Black and husband Steven of Salisbury. She is also survived by seventeen great-grandchildren and seven loving nieces and nephews.

The family would like to thank the staff and caregivers at The Laurels for their care over the years.

Pall Bearers: Michael Shuler
Garrett Moore
Greg Shuler
Brad Shuler
Phil Shuler
Jeff Shuler

A SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE LIFE OF

Sarah Elizabeth Devereux Shuler

OCTOBER 30, 1917 - JULY 3, 2020

WHAT WE BELIEVE

At the heart of the Christian faith is God's victory over death. Through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we are given the gift of life eternal. As Jesus' followers, we are convinced that we share in this victory over the grave. We affirm that at death, the Christian believer lives in the presence of God in an eternal home. Nothing, not even death, can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ. So, death is not the end; rather, this is the new beginning of a fuller existence that will be completed in the resurrection of the body. This hope is based, not on our worthiness, but exclusively upon God's grace. The large white candle, called the "Paschal Candle," is lit symbolizing God's victory over death, for Sarah's sake, and for all of us who gather today.



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
SALISBURY, NORTH CAROLINA

The Order of Service

Tuesday, July 7, 2020

11:00 in the morning

ENTRANCE

“Morning Has Broken”

(Note: Although we cannot sing these hymns, due to the COVID-19 precautions, feel encouraged to read the beautiful hymn texts and reflect on their meaning.)

Morning has broken
Like the first morning,
Blackbird has spoken
Like the first bird.
Praise for the singing!
Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing
Fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain’s new fall
Sunlit from Heaven,
Like the first dewfall
On the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness
Of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness
Where his feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight,
Mine is the morning,
Born of the one light
Eden saw play.
Praise with elation,
Praise every morning,
God’s re-creation
Of the new day!

GREETING

PRAYER

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Ecclesiastes 3:1-9

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace. What gain have the workers from their toil?

PSALTER

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 sou
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.

REFLECTION

“Abide With Me”

Abide with me: fast falls the eventide;
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

I need thy presence every passing hour.
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who like thyself my guide and strength can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes.
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks and earth's vain shadows flee;
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 14, selected verses

Jesus said, “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also.

Jesus said, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

HOMILY

PRAYER

COMMENDATION

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

RECESSION

“FOR ALL THE SAINTS”

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia! Alleluia!