



## Mary Humphrey Tripp

April 10, 1927 - December 12, 2018

Mary Humphrey Tripp, 91, of Mooresville, passed away on Wednesday, December 12, 2018. She lived an exciting life as wife, mother, teacher and artist. She was born in Lenoir County N.C. to the late Delilah Elizabeth and Landon Humphrey. She was the youngest of five children raised on her dad's farm just outside Kinston. In her youth she was a member of nearby Gordon Street Disciples of Christ. Mary attended Grainger High School and graduated from East Carolina Teachers College in Greenville, NC, majoring in Home Economics and Science. She completed a master's degree in education at UNC-Charlotte in 1972, with special art classes at Appalachian in Boone. She married John D. Tripp from Core Point, NC in September of 1949 and raised two children, John Douglas Jr. and Mary Marlus. One of Mary's favorite activities was the 40's style band dances at Charlotte's American Legion Hut. Her teaching career began in Elizabeth City, NC, teaching high school girls cooking and sewing, and then taught elementary grades in Tidewater Va. During the 60's to late 80's she taught fifth and sixth grade in Charlotte and also instructed in the Special Abilities and Talent program. After retirement her painting career took off, doing many local commissions in the Mooresville area, joining the Mooresville Artists' Guild, and displaying her oils and watercolors. The Charles Mack Senior Center was a special place where she painted with friends on Wednesdays. One landscape still hangs there in the billiard room. Her watercolors were exceptional in detail, especially flower arrangements.

Other subjects were cats, a local hen house, views of Lake Norman, coastal beach scenes, and lots of snowscapes, especially farms. Her watercolor of Mabry Mill was awarded an honorable mention by artist Cotton Ketchie a few years ago. That brought her a lot of joy. She continued to be active in later retirement at Berea Baptist Church in Mooresville, cooking lots of potato salad for the Baptist Men's meetings, dancing at Lake Norman Big Band concerts and Piedmont Swing Dance Society. Mary is survived by her son and daughter, five grandchildren, and six great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 4 PM, Wednesday, December 19, 2018, at the Cavin-Cook Funeral Home Chapel, Mooresville, with Rev. Beth Woodard officiating. The family will receive friends from 2 – 3:30 PM prior to the service at the funeral home. A graveside service will be held at 11 AM, Thursday, December 20, 2018, at Salisbury National Cemetery, Salisbury with Rev. Ralph Sparrow officiating.

Memorials may be made to Berea Baptist Church in Mooresville.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home, Mooresville, is serving the family of Mrs. Tripp. Condolences may be made to the Tripp family at [www.cavin-cook.com](http://www.cavin-cook.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Salisbury National Cemetery

202 Government Road  
Salisbury, NC 28144

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

DEC 19. 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM (ET)

Heritage House  
494 E. Plaza Drive  
Mooresville, NC 28115

## Funeral Service

DEC 19. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Cavin-Cook Chapel  
494 E. Plaza Dr.  
Mooresville, NC 28115

## Graveside Service

DEC 20. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Salisbury National Cemetery  
202 Government Rd.  
Salisbury, NC 28144



# Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Humphrey Tripp*

February 14, 2021 at 11:24 AM



“ *Mary Humphrey Tripp*

February 14, 2021 at 11:04 AM



“ *Mary Humphrey Tripp*

February 14, 2021 at 11:03 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Humphrey Tripp.*



December 19, 2018 at 07:23 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Humphrey Tripp.*



December 18, 2018 at 09:07 AM

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“ We loved Aunt Mary and Uncle John D and always enjoyed our time at our family reunions at Core Point. Not many families all have a place, one after the other on the same road ending. So many precious memories of our summers together. Our memories we have of each other are special and we look forward to the great reunion in the sky. Blessing to Douglas and Marlus.

Jackie and John Christian - December 17, 2018 at 07:55 AM

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“ We loved her humor, we loved her art, we loved her always. She represented the closing of a generation in the Tripp family and she closed it out with style and honor. -- Warren and Aneeta Tripp

Warren and Aneeta Tripp - December 16, 2018 at 08:36 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mary Humphrey Tripp.



December 16, 2018 at 07:50 PM