



## Eileen Louise Hoppa

September 16, 1937 - April 20, 2020

Eileen Louise Hoppa, née Henney, age 82, of Fuquay Varina, NC, entered eternal rest on April 20, 2020 at UNC Rex Hospital in Raleigh, NC. The cause of death was heart failure. Eileen was born on September 16, 1937, in St. John's, Michigan, to Harrison and Mereta Henney, née Davis. Eileen grew up on a farm in Michigan, graduated from Bob Jones University, in Greenville, South Carolina, in 1960, then returned to Michigan to teach Home Economics. With her beloved husband Rex, to whom she was married for 58 and a half years, Eileen had two children, five grandchildren, and two great granddaughters. A North Carolina resident since 1966, Eileen and Rex also lived, for shorter periods, in New Fairfield, CT, and London, UK. She was a founding member of North Ridge Alliance Church, in Raleigh, NC. At the time of her death, she was a devoted member of Colonial Baptist Church in Cary, NC, which she had attended for many years. Eileen enjoyed travel, cooking, sewing, Bible study, friends, and her grandchildren. Her infectious laugh, fierce intelligence, gentle spirit and hopeful kindness will be remembered forever by those who were fortunate enough to know her. Most of all, Eileen loved the Lord Jesus Christ, with whom she walked faithfully since childhood.

Eileen is survived by: Rex Fred Hoppa, Husband; Dean Henney, Brother; Wayne Henney, Brother; Dale Henney, Brother; Jeffrey Hoppa, Son; Peggy Hoppa Johnson, Daughter; Nathaniel Johnson, Grandson; Abigail Louise Farmer née Johnson, Granddaughter; Melissa Smith, née Johnson, Granddaughter; Luke Hoppa, Grandson; Samuel Hoppa, Grandson; Anabelle Johnson, Great Granddaughter; and Joy Johnson, Great Granddaughter

She was preceded in death by: Mereta Henney, née Davis, Mother; Harrison Henny, Father; Paul Henney, Brother; Robert Henney, Brother (who died as an infant).

The family will privately hold services at Wake Memorial Park, in Cary, North Carolina, with The Rev. William Barber officiating.

Memorials may be made to the Wisdom for the Heart, Cary, NC, or RVICS.Com or Chosen People Ministries.

# Cemetery

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## **Wake Memorial Park Cemetery**

7002 Green Hope School Rd

Cary, NC, 27519

# Comments

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“ The last time I spoke with Eileen was at snack time on Wed. morning bible class. She shared with me her son worked in Manhattan and could not work at home. An Uber came to his home to pick him up and take him to his office building each day. I still cannot believe she has left us. Carolyn Dillon

Carolyn Dillon - April 29 at 08:17 PM

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“ Eileen and I would have coffee a couple of times a year. She was kind, compassionate, a good listener, warm, very smart, and was easy to like. She loved Rex and her children with her whole heart.

One day when we were having lunch, she was a little late. About ten minutes later, Rex came in to give her a cell phone she had forgotten. She probably was hurrying to get there on time. He did not want her to be without it in case there was an emergency. He drove all the way there to make sure she had the phone and was safe. I almost cried. What a sweetheart! I believe they had a great marriage.

My mom died on August 11, 2013, and the funeral was held in Greenville, North Carolina, which is at least 2 ½ hours away. When I looked around the funeral parlor, there were Eileen and Rex, many from the LifeSpring Class and the deacons from Colonial Baptist Church. They had driven all that way to support me during a difficult time. People who are that kind are not easily forgotten.

Eileen was a very private person and did not tell everyone the things that were going on in her life. I believe that by sharing some matters with me, she made our bond greater. Quietness and trust and the awareness of God's presence seemed to be her comfort during trying times.

The moments we shared are treasured in my heart. Eileen was one of life's precious blessings and was a jewel. I will miss her.

Carolyn Gelb  
Chapel Hill, NC

Carolyn Gelb - April 26 at 05:43 PM

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“ Dear Mr. Hoppa, Jeff and Peggy -  
Eileen Hoppa welcomed me to be a family friend in 1984, when her son Jeff was celebrating a birthday. Jeff and I met as college classmates in 1981 and we remain close 39 years later. As a present to her son, Mrs. Hoppa thought it would be nice for me to join her family for dinner! I was working in Washington, D.C. in 1984 and she called my office to ask if I was able to fly down. Gobsnacked & delighted, I agreed.

She had already found flights which would allow me to be back at my office the following day. Her generosity and thoughtfulness are treasured by all. Her welcoming spirit moves me still. Today, I am unable to join her family in remembrance in person. May it bring you three comfort to know I hold your wife and mom in the highest esteem. Sending my love today and always. - Barb Dobyms

**Barb Dobyms** - April 25 at 02:34 PM

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“ dear mr. hoppa and rex and peggy,  
Mrs. Hoppa was like a second mom to me and John, who spent countless hours playing ping-pong in your basement back in the day. I still think of her as Mrs. Hoppa, of course, since my memories of her go back decades to our days of elementary and high school. She put up with our school-boy shenanigans with patience and caring sweetness and love. to me, she will always be a light.  
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**arri eisen** - April 25 at 02:01 PM

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“ Dear Rex and family,  
  
We were so saddened to hear of Eileen's passing. She was a wonderful lady, kind hearted and fun to be around. I will never forget her taking time to shop for fabric and help me cut out my wedding dress over 30 years ago. Thank God we will see her again. Our prayers are with you all.  
Mark and Tammy Wollum

**Tammy Wollum** - April 24 at 10:30 AM

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“ We will miss Eileen. She made everyone feel special and loved. Praying for you, Rex, and family.

**Rich and Cathy** - April 24 at 09:53 AM

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“ She was a beautiful lady inside an out!!! Love Walter and Rose

**Rose Trentini** - April 24 at 09:16 AM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Eileen Louise Hoppa.



April 23 at 07:51 PM

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“ Dear Rex and Family, I just learned today of Eileen's Home Going! I rejoice with her because she is with Jesus! But my heart aches for the separation you are feeling because I understand it so well. I know like me you are so thankful for God's miraculous promise that you will be together again for all eternity! WHAT A DAY THAT WILL BE! But in the meantime, I am praying for the Lord to comfort and sustain you during this very difficult time! I have such fond memories of the friendship that R. B. and I enjoyed with you and Eileen in years gone by!

Jackie Wall - April 23 at 12:25 PM

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“ 170 files added to the album Memories of Eileen



Wake Funeral & Cremation Services, Inc. - April 23 at 12:01 PM

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“ 6 files added to the tribute wall



Jeff Hoppa - April 23 at 09:47 AM

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“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



Jeff Hoppa - April 23 at 09:45 AM

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“ I met Eileen January 2019 when I joined the Wednesday morning women's bible study. I knew no one in large group, but Eileen had an open seat and a warm smile for me. I looked forward to that seat and that smile weekly. She made a difference through her simple gestures.

Jill Mayer - April 23 at 09:16 AM

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“ I met Eileen in our Wednesday morning Bible Study and was drawn to her quiet and gentle spirit. We had a connection through RViCS, as my parents are currently serving in the ministry and she shared how she and Rex had done it for many years. I will miss her, but look forward to seeing her again! Praying for all of sweet Eileen's family during this time.

Laura Mosley - April 23 at 07:36 AM

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“ I will miss Eileen's sweet smile and cheerful spirit. She was a faithful member of our Wednesday morning Bible study group---quiet, but always ready to give a godly response to those in attendance. We met Eileen and Rex at the first Sunday night service we attended when we moved to Cary in 2008. Our Michigan connection sealed a bond between us, and later we were in the same ABF. I'll look forward to getting a hug when we meet in heaven. We're praying for Rex and all the family

Lalanne Barber - April 22 at 11:32 PM

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“ Eileen, sweet and precious friend, I will miss you greatly. Oddly, we met because of our RV's, 17 years ago, but we also were original Michiganders! Mike and I enjoyed our many short trips we did with you and Rex. Thinking about them makes me smile and laugh about some of them. Especially when I kept asking you (on one particular mountain drive) if Rex was sure he knew where we were! Of course, he didn't but we think he is part homing pigeon - you kept laughing assuring us that he'd get us where

we were going. We went places in far western NC, where I thought I knew all that was there since Dad's family was from there, but you 2 showed us some of the most interesting and beautiful places - all while immensely enjoying your companionship! I could write a book about you, Eileen, but I need to stop and remember, not to cry anymore but remember "I'll see you again!" Love to you, and all your family, especially Rex!

**Gale Nagy** - April 22 at 04:47 PM

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“ Rex we are so sorry for your loss. I will cherish the memories I have of you and Eileen while we worked together ‘stuffing the communique’ . ‘/judy and ‘/roy griffin’/

**judy griffin** - April 22 at 04:24 PM

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“ We enjoyed having Eileen as a member of our Colonial Book Club for many year and she was a long standing member of our monthly birthday lunches from the Lifespring class. We will truly miss that sweet lady.  
Barb Ross

**Barb Ross** - April 22 at 04:01 PM

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“ Spencer, Sara, Bode & Enzo purchased the Rose Tribute for the family of Eileen Louise Hoppa.



**Spencer, Sara, Bode & Enzo** - April 22 at 03:48 PM

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“ Sacred Garden Spray was purchased for the family of Eileen Louise Hoppa.



April 22 at 12:05 PM

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“ Rose Romanesque Bouquet was purchased for the family of Eileen Louise Hoppa.



April 22 at 11:49 AM

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“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Eileen Louise Hoppa.



April 22 at 10:32 AM

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“ Touching Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Eileen Louise Hoppa.



April 21 at 04:11 PM