



## Jacqueline (Jackie) Pittman Deaton

May 29, 1931 - October 4, 2023

Mrs. Jacqueline (Jackie) Pittman Deaton, 92 , of Cary, passed away on Wednesday, October 4, 2023 at her residence, following a period of declining health.

Jackie was born on May 29, 1931 in Richmond, VA to the late Edwin Temple Pittman and Dorothy Smith Pittman. She completed her nursing training at the Medical College of Virginia, where she met and married Pleasant Paul Deaton, a medical student.

Jackie was passionate about art, people, and her faith. She painted the windows at the Waldensian Market in Valdese and later at the Waldensian Bakery each year at Christmas, she volunteered with school theater productions and other arts programming. A lifelong learner, Jackie attended college in her 50s, earning a bachelor's from UNC-Greensboro and her teaching degree from Appalachian State University. She went on to teach art at Western Piedmont Community College and the Western Youth Institution, a former prison in Morganton, North Carolina, that housed young offenders. She helped establish and run the Rock School Arts Foundation, bringing in artists from around the state for exhibits for years. She oversaw a mural of Waldensian history in the Rock School, engaging students to create images for the 45-foot long display. In 2007, she received the Service Above Self Award from the Valdese Rotary Club.

Throughout her life, Jackie remained a devoted wife, mother, and friend to many, while also being an active member of her faith communities in Valdese

and Cary.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a sister, Ann Temple Pittman Whittington.

Jackie is survived by her husband, Dr. Pleasant Paul Deaton of Cary, one son, David Wayne Deaton of Longmeadow, MA; four daughters; Rebecca D. Templeman, Paulette D. White, Susan H. Deaton, and Laura D. Klauke, all of Cary; 11 grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held by the family on Saturday, November 25, 2023 at St Paul's Christian Church at 3331 Blue Ridge Road Raleigh, NC 27612 at 11:00 am with reception to follow.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to St. Paul's Christian Church, 3331 Blue Ridge Road, Raleigh, NC 27612 or to Transitions LifeCare, Philanthropy Dept., 250 Hospice Circle, Raleigh, NC 27607 ([transitionslifecare.org/donate](https://transitionslifecare.org/donate)).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

NOV **25**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul's Christian Church  
3331 Blue Ridge Road  
Raleigh, NC 27612

# Tribute Wall

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“ To add to what Edwin Dennis said about Jackie, the Warren Dennis Legacy laments Jackie's passing. Our father Warren Dennis had a strong connection with the Deatons and we want to pass on our appreciation for their long-time support. Jackie's commitment to art in the community will leave a great void. The art community around Morganton, NC, including the Hickory Museum, the Rock School Arts Foundation, and the Western Piedmont Community College (to name a few), all benefitted from Jackie's support. Jackie will be sorely missed. Our sympathies to the family.

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**Warren Dennis Legacy, LLC** - November 04, 2023 at 01:22 PM

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“ I got to know Jackie because she and Paul were benefactors of my father and his art. It was my great pleasure to get to deliver paintings to them and spend time visiting. I know my father thought the world of her and painted a large mural on commission for the Burke County Mission at her bequest. This Mural lives on in a new location in High Point, carrying on her legacy as a supporter of the arts.

*She will be missed, and always thought of with love and a smile.*

*Edwin Dennis, Winston Salem, NC*

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**Edwin Dennis** - November 02, 2023 at 12:23 PM

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“ Jackie and I shared many happy times together as well as some not so happy. We attended Valdese First Christian Church together for many years. We were members of the Yolkfellow Christian Ministry and visited the young 19 year olds in prison in Burke County for 3-4 years. Jackie sometimes drove and although I was never afraid of her driving, sometimes she scared me when she would run off the road as she was looking at me talking! I often sought her advice during life's most difficult times, that we all must face. She was definitely one of the most dearest and important friends of my life during those years when I lived in Valdese, NC and I will always remember her and cherish our times together. I will see you in heaven Jackie, love forever, Joyce

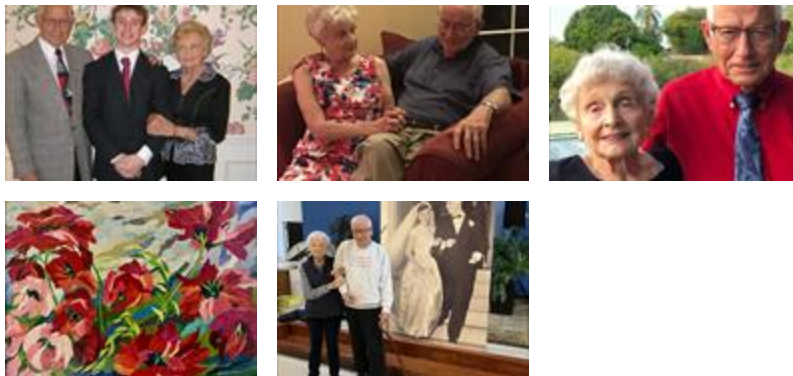


Joyce Bennett Hilmer, Conover, NC

Joyce Bennett Hilmer - October 31, 2023 at 11:04 AM

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David W Deaton - October 13, 2023 at 11:13 AM