



Katrina Weaver Ross

August 23, 1953 - July 6, 2018

Katrina “Tina” Kern Weaver Ross Duke of Mint Hill passed away peacefully and on her own terms on July 6, 2018, but her unflagging spirit and determination live on in the many lives she touched and the many projects and causes she championed.

Tina was born in Beaufort, South Carolina on August 23, 1953 to Thomas Alton and Salli Kern Weaver. She entered the world headstrong and with an unwavering sense of justice and fairness, traits that would define her life. Despite given only a 6-month outlook to live, she successfully battled Hodgkin’s Disease at 16, and graduated from Independence High School in 1971. Tina graduated from UNC Greensboro in 1974 with her bachelor’s degree in home economics. Dedicated to life-long learning, she returned to UNC Greensboro in 1985 to earn her master’s degree in education.

While at Independence, she met her high school sweetheart, the late Ralph Stephen “Steve” Ross, and the two were married in 1975. That same year, Tina started a 23-year teaching career that began in home economics and grew to include middle school science and counseling. Tina belonged to the faculty of multiple Charlotte-area schools, including South Mecklenburg High School, East Mecklenburg High School, Northeast Middle School, and Mint Hill Middle School. Thanks to Mrs. Ross, thousands of students learned vital life skills, from how to sew straight seams to how to cook a well-balanced meal, and in her later years, the wonders of the natural world. Tina dared students to dream big and strive for their ambitions, ideals she herself embodied.

Along with her mother, she also owned and operated LaTisa Flowers in Mint Hill, bringing smiles to so many faces over the decades, especially her kids, who learned far too early about making bows and cutting stems. Combining her floral and organizational skills, she not only arranged flowers, but also organized, catered, and directed weddings for dozens of very grateful newlyweds.

Her energy and fervor were endless and contagious, evidenced by her decades of civic leadership. She believed in her town and dedicated her life to being a public servant for its betterment. She was instrumental in conceiving and organizing the first-ever Mint Hill Madness, and wrote the first check of the Mint Hill Business Association, now the Mint Hill Chamber of Commerce. She served on countless PTA boards, church committees, and was a Girl Scout leader. She served at Servant’s Heart in Mint Hill, on the Mint Hill

Historical Society Board, and as chairman of the Bain School Restoration Committee, leading the charge to restore and transform the historic schoolhouse at Bain Elementary into an arts and community hub. She served on The Arts & Science Council, the Matthews-Mint Hill Health Alliance, chaired the Levine Senior Center Board in Matthews, and belonged to the Mint Hill Rotary Club, Mint Hill Women's Club, and the Mint Hill Kiwanis Club. In 2003, she was elected Mint Hill Town Commissioner and has served her neighbors ever since. Tina received the most number of votes in the last two elections, earning her the position of mayor pro tem, until her health forced her to resign.

Tina was also an active member at Philadelphia Presbyterian Church since her teens. Hardly a Sunday passed without Tina volunteering her time and talents by playing bells, arranging flowers, chairing women's circles, teaching Sunday School, working tirelessly as a youth advisor, serving as church hostess, directing weddings, and so much more. She also loved to travel, a trait that her children have happily inherited. Tina loved to explore far-flung destinations, from Alberta, Canada, to Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe. She marveled at tropical climates in Hawaii and Puerto Rico, witnessed the fall of the USSR in Warsaw, road-tripped through Ireland, moseyed the alleyways of time-forgotten Havana, and took in the vistas of South Africa's Cape of Good Hope. Despite her many travels, she always loved to return home.

She loved white linen tablecloths, fine china, and gourmet food with exotic ingredients, but was equally at home with fried chicken, deviled eggs and watermelon served off paper plates. Tina was truly a renaissance woman, squeezing the maximum amount of life out of every minute of every day. She met each challenge head on, and the bigger the obstacle, the harder she fought. Adversity merely fanned the flames making her burn brighter than ever. She lived to serve and always referenced the prophet Micah who said, "What does the Lord require of you but to act justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." (Micah 6:8)

Tina was preceded in death by her parents, brother Christopher A. Weaver, and first husband Stephen Ross. She is survived by her loving husband Brode Thomas "Tom" Duke III, who provided her with unending patience and support, sister Laurie Allyson Lindaman of Houston, Texas, children Christal Allyson Cathey (Eric) of High Point, Bryan Patrick Ross and his partner, Stewart Atkinson, of New York City, Erin Duke of Mint Hill, Julie Duke of Fort Mill, South Carolina, and her beloved grandson Ross Franklin Cathey, age 2, who kept her busy and glowing until her final days. Tina is also survived by her mother-in-law Helen Duke of Mint Hill, sister-in-law Patricia Broadnax of Mint Hill, sister-in-law Katherine Duke-Carten of Millbrook, New York, and brothers-in-law Keith Duke of Carnation, Washington, and Ron Ross and Bob Ross, both of Raleigh, North Carolina. In addition, Tina has numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends who all consider themselves so very lucky and grateful to have had Tina in their lives.

To her we say, "Well done good and faithful servant, and thank you. Until we meet

again...”

Visitation will be Thursday, July 12 at Philadelphia Presbyterian Church, 11501 Bain School Road in Mint Hill, from 5 to 8pm, with the funeral on Friday, July 13, at Philadelphia Presbyterian Church at 3pm. Memorials may be made to Philadelphia Presbyterian Church’s Columbarium Fund, 11501 Bain School Road, Mint Hill, NC, 28227, or to the Bain School Restoration Fund, 7427 Matthews Mint Hill Road, Suite 105-155, Mint Hill, NC, 28227.

The family of Lowe-Neddo Funeral Home has been given the privilege of caring for Tina.

To share memories, condolences, photos and videos, please visit her Tribute Wall by clicking the tab above or by selecting the green Share a Memory button to the left.

Thank you for your thoughts, prayers and acts of kindness to the family, both those done and those yet to be. Please take a moment to share a condolence or your favorite memory with her family and friends on her Tribute Wall.

Events

JUL **Gathering of Friends and Family** 05:00PM - 08:00PM

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Philadelphia Presbyterian Church

1501 Bain School Road, Mint Hill, NC, US, 28227

JUL **Celebration of Life Service** 03:00PM

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Comments



“ Ally, I was very sorry to hear of your mom's passing. My thoughts and prayer's are with you and your family at this difficult time.

Todd Stewart - July 13, 2018 at 09:56 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Katrina Weaver Ross.



July 12, 2018 at 09:25 PM



“ 51 files added to the album LifeTributes



Lowe-Neddo Funeral Home - July 12, 2018 at 03:05 PM



“ Tina reached out to me when I first arrived in Mint Hill over 10 years ago and graciously welcomed me and introduced me to the local political system and helped guide me through the Towns processes that she was a key part of for many years as a re-elected Commissioner. Tina was always a great listener and communicator and her smile was always so infectious. She was a tireless champion for her home town and she and Tom were always so supportive of all my endeavors and functions. Over time I considered Tina a dear friend and would always give her a huge hug similar to what I give my own Mother. I own property near Tina's homestead and she told me about a field of wild daffodils she would play in as a young child and every spring when I see those wild daffodils on my property, I always fondly think of Tina. We will all miss this very special person very much.

Keith Paris - July 12, 2018 at 08:59 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Katrina Weaver Ross.



July 11, 2018 at 09:32 AM



“ My condolences to your family. God promises to fortify you and hold your hand during this difficult time Isaiah 41:10. Continue to rely on Him for comfort and strength.



Darnell - July 10, 2018 at 06:58 AM



“ Tina thank you for making Mint Hill a better place. It was an honor to get to know you.
While volunteering for Mint Hill police department we got to know each other then Volunteering for Servants Heart We worked together and had so much fun on Thursday. You will missed. My deepest sympathy to the family Rest in Peace sweet friend.

Linda McCrodden



Linda McCrodden - July 09, 2018 at 06:52 PM



“ I have known Tina for 40 years. We both worked in CMS but I know her and Steve personally. She always had a smile for me when we would encounter each other. She worked hard for her family, church and the town of Mint Hill. Her presence will be felt for years to come.

Larry Skipper

Larry Skipper - July 09, 2018 at 06:51 PM



“ Adoring Heart was purchased for the family of Katrina Weaver Ross.



July 09, 2018 at 02:53 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Katrina Weaver Ross.



July 08, 2018 at 08:23 PM



“ I've known Tina since elementary school and all the way through high school. She was bright, pretty, and fun to be around. I remember when she was very ill in high school. She made it through and shared her light with us for many years to come. I remember her first husband Steve, and the sorrow at his passing. Now with sadness I learn of her passing. My love, condolences, and prayers to her family. I am so very sorry for your loss.

Rachel Brigman



Rachel Brigman - July 08, 2018 at 02:31 PM



“ Tina was my childhood friend. I remember many happy days with her at her house in Windsor Park. May her memory be eternal. Mecia Koutroulias Hartis

Mecia Hartis - July 08, 2018 at 07:53 AM



“ Tina will be greatly missed at PPC and in Mint Hill. When I first heard of Tina's passing I thought “well my husband will be one of the first to greet her and probably give her a huge bouquet of flowers.” She asked him to help deliver valentine flowers the first year he retired and he just stayed on until after she closed shop. May God send His peace to you all. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Doris Miller

Doris Miller - July 07, 2018 at 11:58 PM



“ Tina was such a vital part of everything she undertook. From the moment we first met in the Spares and Pairs Sunday School Class 35 plus years ago, I found her to be one of a kind and very special. I will treasure many shared memories of her. Tina, you will truly be missed.

Love, Myra Kirkland

Myra Kirkland - July 07, 2018 at 09:52 PM



“ Tina will be greatly missed. My prayers to the family for comfort.

carol robinson - July 07, 2018 at 08:47 PM



“ Since I was first introduced to Tina as public relations for the Mint Hill Times, Tina always welcomed me with open arms and a great big hug. Tina made sure to introduce me to everyone and made an enormous contribution to the MHT and the town. You will truly be missed. God Bless and RIP. Jenifer Shaw

Jenifer Shaw - July 07, 2018 at 08:37 PM



“ Tina was a very special person. A voice of reason and a concerned and dedicated Mint Hill Citizen. Beautiful in every way. My condolences to her family and friends. Michele Dotson

Michele Dotson - July 07, 2018 at 08:18 PM



“ tina was a go getter that's for sure. i'm sure she will be missed by all who knew her. she loved her family and her community.

paula nichols - July 07, 2018 at 07:53 PM



“ God has taken an angel home and I will never forget my Tina Weaver from high school nor will the world and community forget the legacy she leaves behind. I am so proud to have shared time in this lifetime as a traveler with this fine woman. God's blessings to all of this beloved family.

With deepest love, In Christ,
Michael Arrington



Michael Arrington - July 07, 2018 at 06:50 PM



“ I'm very sorry to hear of the passing of my wonderful friend. Tina was a friend to everyone she met. RIP you will truly be missed.

Janet Muller - July 07, 2018 at 06:49 PM



“ Tina was a wonderful person and a great asset to Mint Hill. She will be truly missed! My first memory of Tina is her being a substitute teacher at Independence High School. My mom and I often went to the flower shop where she worked with her mother. Her first husband and my husband were lifelong friends. Our two children attended youth group with Tina and Steve's children at PPC. Memories...
Condolences to Tina's family and friends. May God comfort you during this difficult time.

Leza Wallace

Leza Wallace - July 07, 2018 at 06:27 PM



“ Anyone who has lost someone close in the past knows that a piece of those who were lost lives on in the hearts of the living.

Mitchell Williams - July 07, 2018 at 05:36 PM



“ Tina will be missed. Special lady

Gayle Williams - July 07, 2018 at 04:59 PM



“ So saddened to hear this. Tina was a special and lovely lady whom I met through the Mint Hill Chamber. She truly loved the Mint Hill community. She will be sorely missed. Lucy and Doug Buchanan

Lucy Buchanan - July 07, 2018 at 03:00 PM



“ When I think of Tina, I think a difference-maker and a kind, gentle soul. She made Mint Hill a better place to live. Rest in peace my friend. God gained a good one.

Don Nicholas - July 07, 2018 at 01:43 PM



“ She was a one of a kind lady... She could move mountains and get any job done.. She stood up for what she believed. She was a blessing to Mint Hill and P P. Church.. Great lady and will be missed.

Betty Flowe - July 07, 2018 at 01:38 PM



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Lowe-Neddo Funeral Home - July 07, 2018 at 11:50 AM