



## Margaret Steed Downs

September 1, 1926 - January 29, 2020

Margaret Jewell Steed Downs was born at the Lewis Steed Dairy Farm near Randleman, North Carolina, on September 1, 1926. She died January 29, 2020 in Union County Hospice at the age of 93, a year after the passing of her beloved husband, Robert E. Downs.

She was a woman of great religious faith and worked tirelessly as a devoted Southern Baptist. Her religious outreach ministry for children, which included flannelgraph, touched thousands of young lives in the neighborhoods and churches Margaret embraced. In the years before her passing she was a loyal member of Ebenezer Baptist Church. In her spare time, she enjoyed floral gardening, canning summer vegetables, baking Christmas cookies, and playing Candy Crush, where she achieved level 778. Most of all, though, Margaret loved the time spent with family and friends and she will be fondly remembered. Margaret is survived by her three children: Glenn R. Gaffney, Cherry Gaffney, Colonel (US Army Ret.), and Samuel L. Gaffney with his partner Lorri Couick; her five grandchildren: Cate Collier with husband Charley Collier, Christopher Downs with wife Dayna Downs, Anna Downs, Maggie Downs, and Daniel Downs, and two great grandchildren: Max Collier and Sophia Collier; Bob's three children Ginny Downs with husband John Campbell, Cindy with husband Jesse, and Pastor Scott Downs with wife Judith Downs; as well as numerous other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Robert, on November 3, 2018.

Margaret's family has given the family of Lowe-Neddo Funeral Home the privilege of caring for her and for them. A gathering and services to celebrate her life, love and blessing will be held on Saturday, February 1, 2020, at Ebenezer Baptist Church, Ebenezer Baptist Church, 1417 W. Unionville Indian Trail Road, Indian Trail NC 28079. Visitation will begin at 10:00 AM followed by a service to begin at 11:45. After the service, all are invited to join with the family as their mother and grandmother is taken in formal procession to her final place of earthly rest next to Robert at Lakeland Memorial Park, 1901 Lancaster Ave, Monroe, NC 28112.

On behalf of the family, thank you for keeping them in thought, prayer and deed during this time. Your acts of kindness, both done and yet to be, are sincerely appreciated. Please take a moment to visit Margaret's online memorial at [www.LoweNeddoFuneralHome.com](http://www.LoweNeddoFuneralHome.com)

to share memories, photos and condolences.

# Cemetery Details

## Lakeland Memorial Park

1901 Lancaster Ave  
Monroe, NC 28112  
<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/funeral-homes/monroe-nc/lakeland-memorial-park/0474>

# Previous Events

## Gathering of Friends and Family

FEB 1. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Ebenezer Baptist Church  
1417 Unionville - Indian Trail Rd W  
Indian Trail, NC 28079  
(704) 289-2632  
<http://www.myebenezerbaptist.org>

## Celebration of Life Service

FEB 1. 11:45 AM (ET)

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Indian Trail, NC 28079  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Margaret Steed Downs*

October 05, 2023 at 07:26 AM



“ *Margaret Steed Downs*

October 24, 2022 at 08:52 PM



“ *My wife and I met Mr and Mrs Downs about 5 years ago when me moved to their neighborhood. We would always see them out working in their yard . They so enjoyed working to make their home beautiful. I stopped one day to ask Mr. Bob if I could help with mowing and he asked me why. I explained that my parents and god taught me to be helpful when / where I could. I told Mr Bob, God had spoke to me and sent me to lend a hand. He accepted my help and I was glad to make new friends . As time went on we became friends and met Mrs Margaret. A beautiful lady with a beautiful soul. One thing we found endearing was she never wanted anyone to see her without makeup or her hair done. The first time my wife Roxanna met Mrs Margaret was at their mailbox tending flowers. We were coming home from shopping and were passing by when we stopped to say hello. Mrs Margaret with toilet paper wrapped around her head to protect her beautiful white hair wouldn't look up at first, she was looking down and shielding her face with her hand, but being the lady she was she finally looked up with a smile on her face and said “she was praying to the lord we wouldn't stop and didn't have her hair or makeup on”. 😊 She was a precious, funny and wonderful lady as we got to know her. We will truly miss her. It's comforting to know she's in heaven with all her friends and loved ones that preceded her. Our prayers to all her family and friends.*

*Sincerely,  
Dan and Roxann Murphey*

**Dan Murphey** - February 01, 2020 at 10:51 AM

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“ *My thoughts and prayers for the family. Mrs. Margaret was a neighbor and I will never forget the first time meeting her. My husband took turns with another neighbor to keep her grass cut. Bob and Margaret were a joy to talk to and will be greatly missed.*

*Roxann and Dan Murphey*

roxanna murphey - February 01, 2020 at 08:52 AM



“ *40 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Lowe-Neddo Funeral Home - January 31, 2020 at 09:17 PM

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“ *I remember first meeting her in 1968 when I was 6 at West Monroe Baptist Church. She was my Flannelgraph teacher. I grew up in Church with her and she was a strong influence in my walk with God. God Bless the family.*

Ron Blanchard (Ronnie) - January 31, 2020 at 04:27 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Margaret Steed Downs.*



January 30, 2020 at 08:24 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Margaret Steed Downs.*



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January 30, 2020 at 07:52 PM



“ *Ms Margaret will be missed greatly. It was always such a pleasure to be around her and Pop when they visited Angier. Her soft spoken voice and sweet smile will always be remembered by Debbie and myself. We offer prayers for her family to have comfort in the coming days as she will surly be missed. We are saddened that we can not attend the service as we are attending another funeral on Saturday.*

*Rick and Debbie Sullivan*

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**Rick Sullivan** - January 30, 2020 at 06:28 PM