



Angelyn "Angie" Wethington

November 1, 1931 - July 10, 2021

GREENSBORO - Angelyn Raeford Wethington, age 89, passed away at Friends Homes West on Saturday, July 10, 2021. Angie was born in Grifton, NC on November 1, 1931 to Jasper McGarvey Wethington and Raye Heath ("Mama Raye") Wethington. She was an only child, but grew up surrounded by loving aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Angie was a pioneer in many ways and dedicated her life to Christian service through education, outreach, and caring for others.

Angie graduated from Greensboro College in 1953 with an education degree. She started working in the Greensboro City Schools by 1958, teaching at several schools, including Gillespie Elementary and Foust Elementary. She also tutored students privately, helping many overcome reading difficulties. She taught Driver's Education the first year it was offered. In retirement, she saw the need for a school to serve patients at Charter Hospital in Greensboro and established the school there, helping adolescents with mental health challenges stay on track in their education. She was a long-time member of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, where she made many friends promoting excellence in education.

Angie learned about the importance of outreach as a young adult. While in college, she participated in the Encampment for Citizenship, a residential summer program for young people of diverse backgrounds and nationalities. It was through this program that Angie was inspired by hearing Eleanor Roosevelt speak on the importance of service to the world. She also went on a mission trip to a remote area in Mexico where she learned the impact serving others can make. Angie promoted outreach on the local, regional, and world level through her work as the chair of the Christian Action and Community Service Committee at her church.

Angie was a caregiver most of her life. She brought her parents to live with her in Greensboro as a young adult and cared for them until their deaths. She and her mother fostered 95 infants awaiting adoption through the Children's Home Society of NC. They were asked to care for a child born with severe heart defects who was not expected to live long. However, when he turned two years old, Angie was allowed to adopt him as a single woman -- a rare event in 1971. That child -- her son Galen McRae Wethington -- lived a full life to the age of 21, benefitting from expert medical services and the community of

loving family and friends that Angie rallied around him. Angie cared for many other people over the years by giving them safe spaces to talk and be truly heard.

Angie was a lifelong church member. It began when her mother, the organist at their church, took infant Angie to choir practice and worship services in a basket. Her mother's love of music rubbed off on Angie who sang alto in the church adult choir as long as she was able. In Greensboro, Angie was a member of First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). She was an office volunteer, an active member of the Robbie Dunn Sunday School class, and taught Sunday School classes for both children and adults.

Angie loved getting together with family and friends, playing cards and chicken-foot, camping at the beach, taking road trips, reading, helping others, and enjoying a good laugh. That laugh and her pioneering spirit are remembered by many who knew her.

A celebration of Angie's life will be held on Saturday, July 31, at 2:00 pm, at First Christian Church, 1900 W Market St, Greensboro, NC 27403, with a visitation afterward in the Gathering Space.

Memorial gifts may be made to: First Christian Church -- Legacy Fund or Children's Home Society of NC, P O Box 14608, Greensboro, NC 27415.

Forbis and Dick Guilford Chapel is serving the family and online tributes may be offered at <http://www.forbisanddick.com>

