

Cleo Cannon Porter, 86, of Salisbury, N.C., died Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2005, at her home.

She was born Nov. 18, 1918, in Clayton to Celia Anne Phillips and John Henry Cannon.

She attended Georgia State College for Women and graduated from Western Carolina University. She was employed by Salisbury City Schools from 1957-82, retiring as a special education teacher. She began special education classes at Wiley School and Knox Middle School.

She taught the special education Sunday school class at First Baptist Church of Salisbury, where she was a member. She was past president of the Pilot Club and ARC. She also was a member of the Retired Teachers Association. She was awarded the Excellence in Teaching Award for Salisbury City Schools in 1972.

She was preceded in death by her husband, "T.A." Porter, on Feb. 11, 2004, and a son, Russell Martin Porter, on Sept. 18, 1967.

Survivors include: a son and daughter-in-law, J. Andrew and Mary Lynn Porter of Salisbury; two brothers, Jim Cannon and Jadie Cannon, both of Clayton; a sister, Carobel Prince of Hawkinsville; and two granddaughters, Sandra Michelle Porter and Mary Elizabeth Porter.

Funeral services were held Friday at First Baptist Church of Salisbury with the Revs. C. Kenneth Lance and Tom Roberts officiating. Burial followed at Rowan Memorial Park.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church of Salisbury, 223 N. Fulton St., Salisbury, NC 28144; ARC of Rowan County, 1918 W. Innes St., Salisbury, NC 28144; or Rowan Regional Home Health & Hospice, 130 Mocksville Ave., Salisbury, NC 28144.

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