



## Sarah Craven Washam

January 14, 1925 - March 25, 2019

Sarah McClelland Craven Washam, of Davidson and Ocean Isle Beach, passed away peacefully in her home on Monday, March 25th, 2019. Born on January 14, 1925, Sarah was educated at The Flora McDonald College, where she received a Bachelor in Education. Sarah taught first grade in Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools for 32 years. Sarah was preceded in death by her parents, Roland Pharr Craven and Loy McLean Craven, of Mooresville, sisters, Rebecca Mills, Mary Beth Kennedy, Juliette Brown, Evelyn Sims, and brother Thomas Craven.

She is survived by brother Walter Craven (Peggy Mayes Craven) and Martha Ann Ware (Brohn). Sarah wed Robert Lee Washam, of Davidson, on June 21st 1947. Bob and Sarah were married for fifty-two years, until Bob was called home by his Heavenly Father. Sarah remained widowed for twenty years, anxiously awaiting her happy reunion with her beloved Bob.

Sarah was the mother of one son, Robert Lee Washam, Jr. and mother-in-law to Karen. Sarah loved her children more than life itself, and enjoyed spending time with her many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She enjoyed wonderful and close relationships with her nieces and nephews, all of whom spent much time at Sarah and Bob's farm. Sarah had a beautiful soul and she never left you wondering whether you were loved. She lived her life in such a way that there was never any doubt that she was a faithful daughter of Jesus Christ, the Heavenly Savior. She loved The Lord and served Him throughout her entire life, at Coddle Creek ARP as a young girl, and at Ramah Presbyterian, where she and Bob were long-serving members. Sarah's love for serving the community will be remembered by the many hundreds of children whom she taught over her years. She will be remembered for her beautiful singing voice, and her gift of music. She loved to sing for many services, and her voice will forever live in our hearts.

Sarah's Celebration of Life will be held at 2PM Saturday, April 13 at the Ramah Church. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. A reception will follow in the family life center.

Sarah's family extends deepest gratitude to the many friends and caregivers at The Autumn Care facility, and to Lower Cape Fear Hospice for the loving care she has been given.

James Funeral Home of Huntersville is serving the family.

[www.jamesfuneralhomeLKN.com](http://www.jamesfuneralhomeLKN.com)

# Cemetery

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## Ramah Presbyterian Church Cemetery

14401 Ramah Church Road  
Huntersville, NC, 28078

# Events

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**APR 13 Memorial Service** 02:00PM - 03:00PM

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**APR 13 Reception** 03:00PM - 04:00PM

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Ramah Presbyterian Church  
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# Comments

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“ When I was expecting my second child ,Sarah put her hand on my stomach and prayed for my little one. I had problems with this pregnancy and almost lost the baby. I often wondered if that prayer Sarah prayed was answered because my baby was born as healthy as could be. I loved Sarah. She always had a smile and a laugh with a twinkle in her eye when she spoke to me and my children. She was one special lady. Heaven is smiling today.

**Cathy Wilson** - March 30, 2019 at 04:48 PM



“ I had Mrs Washam as a first grade teacher and she was just what every child should have as their first teacher when starting their educational career. She was gentle and loving but kept us focused and learning. She will be missed Myra Wallace Billings

**Myra Wallace Billings** - April 03, 2019 at 04:30 PM

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“ Mrs Washam was my first grade teacher at Huntersville school.. She was the sweetest lady ,always smiling and the best teacher ever!! So sorry for your loss, but heaven has gained an Angel for sure!..!

**Sylvia Campbell Hager** - March 29, 2019 at 08:39 PM

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“ My beautiful aunt that taught me guppies in a fish tank were fun to watch ,that making me a homemade waffle was a luxury and if I peed in her guest room bed it was never mentioned as a problem You made my life better. I only hope could be that the kindness I felt from you I can pass on to my own nieces and nephews.

**Mary Callicutt** - March 28, 2019 at 08:37 PM

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“ Sarah was a loyal, wonderful friend to my family and me. I'll never forget the visits to our home from Sarah, Bob, and Lee, and my family's visits to their home. She was one of several “second moms” to me in the old Ramah community; never a finer soul!

**Steve Black** - March 27, 2019 at 05:25 PM

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“ My first memory of Sarah was when she paid a visit to our home shortly after we moved into the Ramah community. Along with Lib Barnhart, Sarah brought us out-of-the oven wonderfully smelling melt-in-your mouth angel rolls. They certainly knew how to welcome newcomers! She smiled with her eyes and knew how to carry on conversation. Indeed, she often told me it was part of her upbringing. Sarah loved the Lord and was not ashamed to talk about her love. My friends and I visited her often in Shallotte and we would sing along with her beloved hymns. We always left feeling truly blessed!  
Prayers for the family..

**Kay Skipper** - March 27, 2019 at 01:27 PM



“ There are not enough words to describe our beloved First Grade Teacher, Mrs Washam. There wasn't a day she didn't have one of us on her lap, if a tear was shed, we had her lap and sweet arms to comfort us. I was equally blessed to grow up at Ramah, where we loved her beautiful voice for all occasions.  
Lee's arrival allow us to see what "the love of a child should be". She was so devoted to him and remained an Angel on Earth to many of us once first graders.  
Heaven has gained one beautiful soul. Love to all

**suzanne McCord Crawford** - March 27, 2019 at 02:01 PM



“ I did not have Mrs. Washam as a teacher but certainly do remember her. I always thought she was so pretty and I remember her most for playing the piano as we gathered for chapel. I loved to hear her play Glow little Glow Worm and Welcome Sweet Spring Time as we marched in and out of the auditorium. So sorry I never heard her sing. I know she will be missed.

**Toni Howard** - March 28, 2019 at 10:50 PM



“ Sending thoughts and prayers for the family. Such a special and beautiful lady - both inside and out. I have so many fond memories of her when we attended Ramah church. My children used to say (about her): "Mom, Mrs Sarah sings like a movie star" (and they were right)!

**Rita Stokes** - March 27, 2019 at 11:34 AM