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Mary Ruth Miller of Buford, GA celebrated Resurrection Sunday with her Lord Jesus Christ, as she left this earthly life and began a glorious, new life “at home with the Lord” (1 Corinthians 5:8).

Never without a smile, Mary Ruth was the embodiment of agape — God’s self-giving love. She often spoke the words “I love you,” but even more often expressed love through her actions and her servant nature. Always joyful, she brimmed with love and pride for her family — celebrating every milestone, making a favorite cake for every birthday, and ensuring that we had what we needed to live life to the fullest. She passed on a legacy of joy, hard work, helping others, perseverance, respect, commitment, doing your best, fulfilling your purpose in life, and honoring God.

Mary Ruth retired after teaching at Woodward Academy for over 30 years. Throughout her lifetime she ministered to others through her church in many volunteer positions: children’s teacher, church librarian, program chairperson for Abundant Life, president of the Silvertones choir, Meals on Wheels volunteer, and much more. She also volunteered in the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta. She enjoyed traveling, gardening, sewing, reading, watching football

and basketball (particularly when the University of Tennessee was playing), and especially spending time with family and friends.

Mary Ruth is lovingly remembered by her husband Jerry Miller of Buford, GA; son Greg (Nancy) Miller of Hoschton, GA; daughter Lori (Mike) Farrell of Buford, GA; sister Shirley Conley of Flowery Branch, GA; nephew Todd (Kim) Conley of Flowery Branch, GA; granddaughters Kristen (Jonathan) Henriques of Alpharetta, GA; Kacey Lanier of Chattanooga, TN; Allison (Zach) Edwards of Buford, GA; Chelsea (Alex) Workman of Tallahassee, FL; Carson (Patrick) Fay of Kathleen, GA; grandson Josh Miller of Winder, GA; and great nephew Christopher Conley of Alpharetta, GA. Mary Ruth will also be forever remembered by her great grandchildren, extended family, and dear friends. She was preceded in death by her daughter Paige Lanier and parents Ethel and Jack Miller.

A celebration of Mary Ruth's life will be held at 1:00pm (EDT) on Wednesday, April 3, 2024 in the chapel of Flanigan Funeral Home, 4400 South Lee St., Buford, GA 30518. Visitation will be from 11:00am–12:30pm prior to the service. A brief graveside service will follow at Broadlawn Memorial Gardens, 5979 New Bethany Rd., Buford, GA 30518.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Mary Ruth's memory to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

“Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: ‘Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all.’ Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised” (Proverbs 31:28-30).

Cemetery Details

Broadlawn Memorial Gardens

5979 New Bethany Rd
Buford, GA 30518

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 3. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Flanigan Funeral Home
4400 South Lee Street
Buford, GA 30518

Funeral Service

APR 3. 1:00 PM.

Chapel of Flanigan Funeral Home

Interment

APR 3 (ET)

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Tribute Wall

TW

“Lori, I am so sorry to hear about the passing of your sweet precious mom. What a wonderful lady! Praying for peace and comfort for your family during this difficult time.

Trudi Webster - April 03, 2024 at 01:32 PM

JM

“Dear Kacey and Chelsea, My heart goes out to you in the loss of your Grandmother Miller. So sorry that i am unable to attend her Memorial Service, since i am attending one in Dallas for a friend's daughter tomorrow. You all are in my prayers. Love you all so much! Aunt Janice

Janice McFarland - April 02, 2024 at 10:09 PM

EH

“She was truly a treasured friend. Harold and I enjoyed our many trips with Mary Ruth and Jerry.

Evelyn Brooks Holder - April 02, 2024 at 02:05 PM

BK

“I was so very sorry to hear of Mary Ruth's death. What a wonderful lady with such a sweet smile. She will certainly be missed. My prayers for comfort and peace will be going up for you, Jerry, and your family.



Betty Kimball - April 01, 2024 at 05:45 PM

FM

Jerry, I'm so sad and sorry about the passing of Mary Ruth, however we know she is in heaven with her Lord and Savior.

Shirley (Boots) will miss her too so much. I certainly pray for you and her.

I always looked forward to Mary Ruth and Boots coming to Jackson, MS to see their Uncle George and my Aunt Pete each summer as we grew up and later to see me.

We decided one day a few years ago that she, Boots and I were first cousins by a marriage.

The last time I saw Mary Ruth and Boots was when Greg lived in the area. We went to eat together. Her treat of course.

Jerry and Boots she was so beautiful and sweet, we will all miss her.

*To you, and all of her children and yours, prayers, hugs and love,
Faye Martin*

Faye Martin - April 04, 2024 at 11:51 AM