



Ruth Martha Becker Hood

April 27, 1929 - January 15, 2020

****Due to storm damage, the location of the service has been moved to Carmel Baptist Church, 1145 Pineville-Matthews Rd, Matthews, NC 28105****

Ruth Hood of Mint Hill, beloved wife and devoted mother, was born April 27, 1929 and died January 15, 2020. This daughter of God is survived by her loving family; her sister Jean Behrens; her children Donna Hood, Arlene Hood, David Hood, Elena Hood; her grandchildren David Conrad, Michelle Conrad, Deborah Long, John Long, Glenn Pleasant, Angie Pleasant, Emily Hood, Slavic Yakushenko, Vy Yakushenko, Lauren Hood, Matthew Hood, Tristan Hood; her great-grandchildren Kyrstan Conrad, Samantha Conrad, Allyson Pleasant, Michael Pleasant, Ethan Long, and Mason Long.

Apart from her late husband, Kalmon Hood, the love of Ruth's life was her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Always on her mind and the tip of her tongue, Jesus was always her greatest joy and strength. While we will miss the joy of her presence, we know the angels rejoice over a life well-lived while serving her Lord. The number of people Ruth touched for Jesus is beyond counting; from the years of women's Bible studies that began in Red Hook, New York; many Lay Witness Missions; youth Coffee Houses and bible studies; to sharing the love of Christ over a cup of coffee with anybody who might listen to the good news she had to share, Ruth was a willing and able servant of God.

Surely Ruth would desire us to remember what Paul wrote so beautifully: "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy -- meditate on these things." (Philippians 4:6-8)

"I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again,

even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus, we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words.” (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)

Rest now, Ruth, His good and faithful servant. Your hope and joy were always with the Lord, and so shall ever be.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, February 8, 2020, at Christ Covenant Church. Visitation will be from 10 - 11 AM, with service at 11 AM. Burial will follow at Forest Lawn East Cemetery.

Should you wish to make a memorial contribution instead of sending flowers, please consider making it in Ruth's memory to:

Hospice and Palliative Care of Charlotte, 7845 Little Avenue
Charlotte, NC 28226 <http://www.hpccr.org/give>

Events

FEB 8 **Visitation** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

Carmel Baptist Church
1145 Pineville Matthews Road, Matthews, NC, US, 28105

FEB 8 **Service** 11:00AM

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FEB 8 **Burial**

Forest Lawn East Cemetery
3700 Forest Lawn Dr, Matthews, NC, US, 28104-7366

Comments



“ My Aunt Ruthie is probably the reason I came to Christ in 5th grade. By then, it was as if I had always known who Jesus is. Our regular family visits included church, and always, an array of "long haired big kids" who gathered there, formally and informally. I wasn't entirely sure what they were doing, but I knew that it all led somehow to God. She was my aunt who baked pies and cooked spaghetti, to my young mind, rare treats that only happened on the "American" side of the family! In more recent years, we often talked about the world, about Christ and the difference He makes, about our lives, about her years in Germany as a young teen... She handled every event in her life with grace and with unshakeable confidence in the Christ she has loved as long as I have known her, and now, face to face. For "Tante Rootie," it just got better! For me... I will miss her voice, her belief in the best possible me and the best for me. For the Hoods and all who have known the Hoods through the years, I am deeply saddened with you in your loss.

Gina B - January 18 at 07:55 AM



“ Time spent with Ruth was a treasure to me. Having her all to myself while we drove to Bible studies weekly and after Kal died, going to Sunday Worship together was time I always looked forward to. There will always be a hole in my heart where Ruth belongs, but She asked for so long to be with Jesus, and now she is ! So for Ruth I do rejoice !
To her family , I can only say she loved each of you dearly, My sincere sympathy.

Betty Hough

Betty Hough - January 17 at 05:47 PM



“ We all feel a big loss but we all have such wonderful memories of ;
Ruth. Grace describes her best. There was always a twinkle in her eyes. I once told her of a problem that bothered me. She sweetly looked at me and said, "Have you prayed about it?" I honestly never thought about it. That completely changed my whole life. I never heard a harsh word from her. She left all of us who knew her with a big challenge to live as she lived. Peace to the family and friends as they celebrate her life.

Edith Senack - January 16 at 09:48 PM