



## Ruth Martin

April 5, 2013

Ruth Mae Frock Martin, age 82, died peacefully at The Evergreens in Moorestown, New Jersey on Friday, April 5th after a long and valiant battle with Alzheimer's disease. Ruth was born on June 2, 1930 in Philadelphia, PA to the late Ruth and Roy Frock. Ruth is survived by her three children, Russell E. Martin and wife Vicky of Asheville, NC; David F. Martin and wife Sue of Winston-Salem, NC; and Paul J. Martin and wife Jamie of Moorestown, NJ. Ruth was blessed with six grandchildren, Daniel, Jamie, Elizabeth, Sarah, Gabrielle, and Alexander.

Ruth grew up in Philadelphia with her parents and four brothers, Sam, Paul, Roy (Sonny), and Jim. She attended the Philadelphia High School for Girls (Girls' High) and graduated from East Stroudsburg State Teachers College. Ruth was a dedicated elementary school teacher for her entire life, touching thousands of children with her incredible kindness and love. Ruth taught kindergarten in Abington Township, PA; Lancaster, PA; Tenafly, NJ; Moorestown, NJ; Cinnaminson, NJ; Haddonfield, NJ; and Burlington, NJ. She completed her teaching career at the Discovery School at McGuire Air Force Base with 13 years of faithful service. Teaching and nurturing children was one of Ruth's passions – she received the New Jersey Governor's Teacher Recognition Award for 1993-1994.

A long-time resident of Moorestown, Ruth served as the President of the Moorestown Women's Club, President of the Moorestown Home & School Association, and President of Moorestown Newcomers and Neighbors. Service to others, especially those less fortunate, was second nature to Ruth. A devoted member of the First United Methodist Church, she shared her love for Jesus as a Sunday School teacher and as an integral part of the Stephen Ministry.

Ruth was a crafter at heart – she loved ceramics, cross-stitch, quilting, macramé, knitting, and embroidery. Her wonderful crafts adorn the homes of friends and family members. She also loved going 'down the shore' to Long Beach Island for the sun and sand in Surf City. Her smiles made it a warmer place. Barnegat Lighthouse will always shine a little brighter for all of us because of Ruth.

It has been said that "the most important thing in life is to learn how to give out love, and to let it come in." No one gave as much love as Ruth Martin! She was a dedicated Mom, Grandmother, Friend, and Teacher. Ruth was already an angel on Earth, and Heaven is now a brighter place. Ruth will be missed, but we celebrate her finally breaking free from the clutches of Alzheimer's - no one could have handled that challenge with more grace.

There will be a Celebration Service for Ruth Martin on Sunday, April 21st at 2:00 pm at the First United Methodist Church in Moorestown, NJ. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Ruth Martin's name to the Alzheimer's Research Initiative at Wake First Baptist Medical Center, Office of Development, PO Box 571021, Winston-Salem, NC 27157-1021.

# Cemetery

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# Events

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**Private Interment**

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**Service**

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First United Methodist Church

446 Camden Ave, Moorestown, NJ, US, 08057

# Comments

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“ To the Martin Family, please accept my condolences for the loss of Ruth. Please allow your fond memories to sustain you when you are feeling low. I always find comfort in the scripture at Revelation 21:3-5 where Jehovah promises us that pain, mourning, and death will be done away with. I know this to be true because Titus 1:2 says that God cannot lie. I hope this will be an encouragement to you.

**Sheila Bee** - April 28, 2013 at 08:32 AM

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“ In deepest sympathy, the Burlington County Retirees' Education Association

**Vicki Shoemaker** - April 15, 2013 at 08:35 PM

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“ To Paul and Ruth's family.  
I am sorry for your loss and know how much you will miss your wonderful Mom.  
Betty (Barbour) Bunn

**Betty Bunn** - April 14, 2013 at 07:02 AM

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“ Dear Russ, Vicky, Dave, Sue, Paul, Jamie and family,  
I am so sorry for your loss. The love your mom shared remains in my heart, and I'm sure it will remain for ever in yours. I am so thankful for having had Aunt Ruthie in my life. How else would I have had the opportunity to spend vacations with 50 Frocks and friends on the beach and come away with free pictures! When I look back at all the times your mom showed she cared, I realize how blessed I am (and we all are) to have known her. As a girl, she taught me ceramics and took me on beautiful Christmas house tours. As a teen, she drove to PA just to see me graduate. As a bride to be, she made me personalized shower gifts. When I took my first job in NJ, she had me for lunch and brought me up on the latest news on all of you. She had so many other nieces and nephews. Yet, she made us all feel special. I know all of us will remember her always.  
Love,  
Jody

**Jody Rettig** - April 13, 2013 at 10:34 PM