



Ruth M Stotsenburg

May 9, 2023

Ruth Margaret Stotsenburg passed away peacefully on Tuesday, May 9, 2023, at the age of 83. Ruth was born in New Jersey in 1939, the youngest child of Margaret Stotsenburg and Rev. Charles Stotsenburg. After graduating from Eastern Baptist College and Eastern Baptist Seminary, Ruth had a lifelong career devoted to the church, specializing in Christian education. Ruth started her career in Carlisle, Pennsylvania and then served many years as the Christian Education Director for the US army base in Heidelberg, Germany. When she returned state side, Ruth continued her ministry, finally calling First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown home.

Ruth loved music and was a beautiful singer. Her primary passions were learning, teaching, and traveling. Ruth led and provided the instructional component for dozens of educational tours and mission trips on four continents - including leading 22 tours of Israel, her favorite place in the world. She taught in every arena of her life, weaving her knowledge of and experience with Bible Studies, Middle East Geopolitics, and Church History to provide context and depth of understanding for her students. Ruth was also keenly interested in mental health, later attaining her associates degree in psychology with Christian counseling credentials. For decades Ruth then facilitated and advocated for NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness).

Ruth had recently lost her sister and lifelong companion, Mary Allen. She is survived by her niece, Ruth Anne McCauley and nephew, John Allen. Ruth truly gave her life to ministry and lived a rich and full life. She will be missed by her immediate family and the many members of her extended church family.

A memorial service will be held for Ruth on Saturday June 17, 2023 at 11:00 a.m., at the First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown, New Jersey. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Ruth's honor to the First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown , 101 Bridgeboro Rd. Moorestown, NJ 08057 or NAMI Burlington County (<https://namiburlingtonnj.org/>).

Cemetery Details

Paradise Mennonite Cemetery

Paradise, PA

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ruth M Stotsenburg*

October 09, 2023 at 03:30 AM



“ *Martha and I traveled with Ruth on educational and mission trips to Greece, Turkey, Egypt, Kenya (twice), Ireland, and Northern Ireland (where she adjusted the itinerary to include Derry). She livened up the trips (actually, Sunday School classes in general) with fun skits - in Egypt, both Martha as Cleopatra and I as Marc Antony "died" on the bus, Anita Pawluk played Queen Nefertiti; in Turkey, Martha was Helen of Troy. She was the soloist at my father's funeral. Without having to agree on everything, one could have intelligent conversations with her about history and politics - often, but not for her, a third rail for civil discussion. She was energetic and caring, open about her own struggles, and brought life back to the church. She made good use of her time with us. RIP.*

Doug Derry - May 25, 2023 at 12:39 PM



What an honor you had to be with Ruth and your educational journey's sounded so amazingly funny and enjoyable 😊

Elaine Mchugh - May 26, 2023 at 01:45 PM



I had Ruth as an instructor during Alpha. Her instruction was mesmerizing and mystical . I was devastated to have missed going to Israel with her . She will be so missed.

Donna Doulong - May 29, 2023 at 08:56 AM



“ *I was one of the many people who traveled to Israel with Ruth. one of my strongest remembrances was Ruth saying, as well walked along a rocky road, "You know, this road was one that Jesus walked along just like we are doing right now." It was a spiritual moment on my trip. Thank you, Ruth.*
Barbara

Barbara Lewis - May 23, 2023 at 03:25 PM



LOVELY ☐

Elaine Mchugh - May 26, 2023 at 01:46 PM

JM

“ I have had the pleasure and honor of knowing Ruth for many years at New Covenant Presbyterian Church. She ran a four week class on the art of praying, after I made one comment to her, that I do not always stay focus as I pray. This four week class, turned into several years of Sunday School with a hand full of great women who brought so much to the class. I learned so much from Ruth. She had so much knowledge and didn't want to keep it to herself. She would just light up if any of us women got an answer correct, but what she enjoyed most, is if you brought a question to her. Someone else could probably answered the question in five minutes, but Ruth would skip the topic of the class and make the question, the new topic of her class for the day for everyone. She would say you get the "Sunday School pin" to the person who shined the most that day. (Anne, Jeri & Mom) I always said, what a great preacher she would have been, but we all know her calling was teaching. Thanks for sharing your knowledge and love of God with everyone you met.
I see she is being laid to rest in Paradise, PA. Isn't that just perfect as she knew the paradise that Jesus promised each of us.
Jen Martin

Jennifer Martin - May 23, 2023 at 07:26 AM

JM

“ Ruth was such a great friend. She was a true disciple for Christ and led many to Jesus, including me, while my father was attending the War College in Carlisle, Pa. We talked over the years and she was always there when I needed to talk and gave the Godly words I needed to hear. Bless you Ruth as God now has you with Him.
Jim Morrison

Jim Morrison - May 20, 2023 at 07:09 PM

JG

“ Ruth was a dear friend. Always there for me. Shared so many good times.

Jean Gabrieli - May 19, 2023 at 07:28 PM

CH

“ Mary, So sorry for your loss. Carol and Tom Harrison

Carol Harrison - May 15, 2023 at 07:19 PM

MR

“ Ruth was such a special person to me in my late husband David she was responsible for his coming to the Lord when he was a young man in Carlisle Pennsylvania and she was a good friend to him and I am and my children all of her life we will we will miss her so Molly Ressler

Molly Ressler - May 12, 2023 at 09:55 AM