



Ruth Mary Loverude Meade

September 6, 1926 - April 10, 2020

Ruth Mary Loverude Meade died peacefully in her sleep this 10th day of April 2020 She was 93 years old when she joined her husband Bob, Grandson Joshua Meade and Heavenly Father.

Ruth Mary was born in Hamilton, NY, 9/6/26. Her childhood family included father, Otto R. Loverude, preparing for Baptist ministry at Colgate Univ. mother, Edna Taylor, younger sister, Barbara and brother, James.

Ruth Mary attended Univ. of New Hampshire, Durham, NH, earning a BS in Biology. She attended Univ. of Penn in Philadelphia completing a Certificate in Physical Therapy. There she met Bob Meade, a physical therapy student fresh from the Marine Corps. Each was on full scholarship; Bob the Marine Corp, and Ruth the March of Dimes. They were married by Ruth's father, in the parsonage garden, Lowell, Mass.

After graduation they worked with the VA in Chicago, Ill, as physical therapists; coldest and hottest they had ever been.

While expecting their first child, Bob was called back into the Marine Corps (Korea); Ruth lived with her parents in Mass. Ruth, and baby Roger, then joined Bob in Camp Pendleton, CA.

At the end of the war, Bob took a physical therapy job in a VA north of NY City;

Marilyn was born and their family was complete.

They moved south to Salisbury 1956, two Yankees in very unfamiliar territory. Bob moved first (Ruth, the children stayed in Lowell, Mass as her mother was terminally ill). Bob would write and phone about how beautiful Salisbury was, in love with the towering trees, stately homes, and mild weather. He found a home with most super neighbors you-could ever hope to have. "We felt so comfortable and at home."

At Catawba Ruth earned a teaching certificate and within the year was teaching at Frank B John, 7&8 grades and coaching girls' basketball.

Her years of teaching in the 1970's are best summed up by her letter to the editor written 4/8/2000.

"All the elements are there, positive and negative. Why do some come away with pride of accomplishment and others angry and hostile? Knox in the "70s, what times they were of change we weathered the challenges together. Today, I am often greeted with "Hi Mrs. Meade, remember me?" So many wonderful adults with memories, positive and negative, reminiscing together about Knox in the 70s. I smile, chat, wave goodbye, my heart brimming with the thrill or being part of their reminiscences."

She enjoyed a long teaching career, being a mother, grandmother, great grandmother and wife. She also remained active in Second Presbyterian and then First Presbyterian churches -managing memorial flower donations, selected as Woman of the Year by the Presbyterian Women, Treasurer of AAUW and the Knox Yearbook Dedication. She was always an active book-club member (Libretto and Bea Blu) over many years enjoying the questions more than the answers in lively discussions.

She is survived by Son Roger Meade and wife Susan, Daughter Marilyn Warlick and husband Sam, grandsons Jacob and Michael Lewis, and their families representing 7 great- grandchildren. Sister Barbara Woods of Florida and brother James K. Loverude of Long Island, are also surviving.

Those of us blessed to know Ruth Meade in our lives can speak to seeing all of these qualities while she shared her time on this earth.

A Celebration of life will be held at a later date with burial at the US National cemetery, where she will be buried with her husband.

In lieu of flowers Memorials may be made to First Presbyterian Church, 308 W. Fisher St, Salisbury, NC 28144.

Summersett Funeral Home and Crematory is serving the Meade family. Online condolences may be made at www.summersettfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall

 Tonya Wilhelm

“ *Mrs Meade taught me when I was in the 8th grade at Knox. I loved her. She was always supportive and encouraged me to strive for more. So sorry for your loss.*

Tonya Wilhelm - April 28, 2020 at 09:08 PM

JN

“ *Dear Marilyn and Roger,*

Barbara and I were saddened to learn of your mother's death. Ruthie was a special and delightful friend. She had a great sense of humor and also such a thoughtful person. We plan to see you at the eventual memorial service.

Jim and Barbara Norman

Jim Norman - April 16, 2020 at 01:11 PM

PG

“ *It's Marlyn not Martin sorry for the voice misspelling*

Pamela Graszl - April 14, 2020 at 12:42 PM

PG

“ *Martin and Roger I'm so sorry to hear of the loss of your mother she was the most inspirational lady I remember while growing up and have slumber parties at your home. May God lift you and your families up and carry you all through this chapter in your lives. I thank you and God for letting me know such a wonderful lady. May she rest peacefully now.*

Pam Reading Graszl

Pamela Graszl - April 14, 2020 at 12:41 PM

KJ

“ Roger and Marilyn, please accept my condolences on your Mom's death. She was a dear lady. I have fond memories of visiting your home as a child when our Dads were work colleagues and friends. When my Dad died, your Dad and Mom were the first people my Mom called and they took such great care of us that day. It was especially meaningful to me when, being shown Mom's soon-to-be room in the Memory Care Unit at Trinity Oaks, I noticed the familiar - - and comforting -- name of Ruth Meade as her roommate! Though your Mom didn't really remember us, I took great comfort in knowing that Mom was with a friend. Please know that the South family sends love, peace and blessings to you all.

Karen South Jones - April 14, 2020 at 12:21 PM

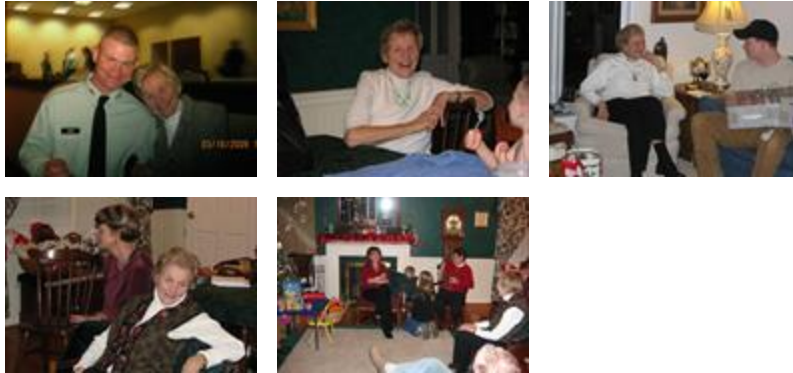
PK

“ Reading Ruth Meade's obituary brought back many pleasant memories from our teaching days at Knox Junior High School more than 50 years ago. Teaching journalism and language arts at Knox was my first job and I was fortunate to have so many outstanding teachers as mentors--Ruth Meade, Hazel Goodman, Jean Poole, Miss Jenkins, Claude Pickett, Mr. Bost, Jane Smith and many others. Mrs. Meade was always so enthusiastic about teaching and her students. She always had a positive word for us when we were frustrated or complaining about something. I also had the pleasure of teaching her daughter and learning to know her husband and son. So sorry that I did not have any contact with her in many, many years. My thoughts and prayers are with the family on the death of this outstanding educator, wife, mother, grandmother, and friend.

Phil Kirk - April 14, 2020 at 08:36 AM

ML

“ 22 files added to the album Memories Album



Michael Lewis - April 13, 2020 at 01:05 PM

PM

“ I work at The Almost Home Group ... Ruth was the resident that I was closest to! I spent more than half of my shifts just sitting and talking to her. She is my entire heart & will definitely be missed ... Ruthie you will forever be missed ... Rest in Paradise my love 🥺



Pamela McNeill - April 13, 2020 at 10:50 AM

BE

Marilyn, I am so sorry for the loss of your mother. I remember being in her classroom at Knox so well. I also remember what a loving and supportive mother she was to you. I will pray for you to have strength during this difficult time. love, Bonnie Rufty Emerson

Bonnie Emerson - April 15, 2020 at 01:20 PM

LR

Bob and Ruth Meade were occasional dinner partners of my now also late parents Jim Sr. and Louise Price, from the early 1960's to the late 1980's after Bob and my father met as professional colleagues at the Salisbury VA. While our family unfortunately never knew Roger and Marilyn, we did so enjoy seeing Bob and Ruth in those years. Fine people. Both were so pleasant, comfortable and approachable. I knew Bob had passed several years ago and I happened to see Ruth's notice in some reading just today. So sorry, Meade family and friends. She was something special! Sincerely, Lynn Price Rorie

Lynn Price Rorie - May 05, 2020 at 04:21 PM