



Ruth Anne Wilson

February 10, 1932 - April 8, 2020

Ruth Anne (Boetel) Wilson, formerly of Bowie, Maryland and Venice, Florida, passed away peacefully on April 8, 2020 in St. Augustine, Florida from complications of Alzheimer's and diabetes. She was born February 10, 1932, to Henry and Martha Boetel in New York City. Ruth graduated from Hunter College High School and Queens College with a degree in early childhood education. After graduating from college, she began a teaching career that spanned decades, married John Wilson, her husband of almost 66 years, and started a family. Ruth loved teaching and after retiring from teaching in Maryland and moving to Florida, she continued to teach by volunteering at an elementary school in Venice, Florida. She also was a very active volunteer with SPARCC (Safe Place and Rape Crisis Center) in Sarasota, Florida. Ruth and John loved to travel. China, Australia, New Zealand, South America, Tahiti, and Alaska were just a few of the many places they visited together. They also visited Europe, the Mediterranean, and the Caribbean numerous times. Ruth was active in a Lutheran church wherever she lived. Ruth leaves her husband John Wilson, her daughters Susan Murphy (Patrick) and Linda Mustric (John,) and grandchildren Anna, Nicholas, Alexandra, and Sophia who will miss her but will find comfort in the good memories. Ruth also leaves a cherished cousin, Marillyn Osterhout, nieces, a nephew and numerous students and friends whose lives she touched during her long and well lived life. There will be no formal memorial service. Friends and family may donate to SPARCC of Sarasota in Ruth's memory. St Johns Family Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Comments



“ I met Mrs. Wilson about four decades ago when her daughter Linda and I were classmates in junior high school. Linda and her mother had a relationship I didn't know could exist between mother and daughter. Mrs. Wilson always welcomed me into her home showing compassion and kindness for this shy, introverted, and socially awkward kid. She listened and had a way of guiding and helping us find our way. A special lady indeed who made a difference in more people's lives than she ever knew. Rest in Peace dear Mrs. Wilson.

Jean Laios Floro

Jean Floro - April 19 at 05:24 PM



“ My dear Ruthie,
She was my cousin and my best friend. We were as close as two sisters could ever be, sharing everything. Our mother's were sisters in law and best friends also. We grew up together only six months difference in age. She taught kindergarten for many years in several different schools. She used to say "She never passed kindergarten." She was so pleased when her granddaughter, Anna, chose to become a teacher. She loved to read. She always had a book by her side. She had a great sense of humor. When we were little, our Grandmother used to call us "You Gigglers" She was very smart. She took the subway from Queens to Manhattan to attend and graduate from Hunter College High School. Quite an accomplishment!

My dear Ruthie. You know I love you, will miss you terribly, but I know we will see each other again.

Marillyn Osterhout

Marillyn Osterhout - April 15 at 04:57 PM



“ I was always so proud when Ruth called me her third daughter, as I loved and admired her so much, She had a strength and a positive spirit that I will never forget She kindly welcomed me into her home at a time when I needed hope. She listened, encouraged, and made me feel that I mattered. By her example, she inspired me to go into education. I will miss her so much.

Doreen O'Connor - April 13 at 07:49 AM



“ I love Aunt Ruth. She was the smartest, kindest woman I've ever met. Loved her family. She was an educator in all ways. When I was a teenager, she bought me a beautiful encyclopedia and a set on our presidents, which I read both over and over for many years. I loved visiting her and Uncle John for lots of Spring Breaks. She was always so vibrant, happy, forward-looking! I'm sure she will be trying to nudge St. Peter aside to happily greet everyone into heaven.

Pete Zuroff - April 10 at 07:58 PM