



## Ruth Louise Markle

September 4, 1936 - January 3, 2019

Louise Bradshaw Markle, 82, of Mooresville, passed away on Thursday, January 3, 2019.

She was born in Mooresville, NC on September 4, 1936. At the age of four when her mother passed away, she went to live at Barium Springs Orphanage near Statesville, NC and lived there until her graduation from high school. Louise was an Ace Medal recipient in 1954 at Barium Springs High School. She spent many years teaching in the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools and was awarded Teacher of the Year in 1979 at Lewisville Elementary School. She also taught in Okinawa and in Germany.

A Memorial service will be held at 10:30 AM on Saturday, January 12 at Prospect Presbyterian Church, 9425 W. NC Hwy 152, Mooresville, NC 28115. The family will receive friends following the service.

In place of flowers, please make a donation in memory of Louise to Prospect Presbyterian Church Cemetery Fund, 9425 W. NC Hwy, Mooresville, NC 28115 or Children's Hope Alliance, PO Box 1, Barium Springs, NC 28010.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the family of Ms. Markle. Condolences may be made to the family at [www.cavin-cook.com](http://www.cavin-cook.com).

# Cemetery

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## Prospect Presbyterian Church

9425 NC 152

Mooresville, NC, 28115

# Events

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**JAN** **Memorial Service** 10:30AM - 11:30AM

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Prospect Presbyterian Church

9425 NC-152, Mooresville, NC, US, 28115

**JAN** **Receiving Friends** 11:00AM - 01:00PM

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# Comments

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“ Ms. Bradshaw was my fourth grade teacher. I graduated in 1972 and to this day anyone who knows me knows that Ms. Bradshaw was my favorite teacher. It's so lovely to learn more about her life and see her picture. She has a very special place in my heart.

Carol Carter Coates. Winston Salem, NC  
Konnoak Elementary

Carol Coates - June 22 at 07:46 PM

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“ Louise was a kind and precious lady whom I was blessed to first meet at Barium Springs Homecomings with my parents. She had a beautiful smile and was always so willing to help her Barium sisters and brothers. My Mother thought so much of her.

My sincerest sympathy to her family.

Landrea {Johnson} Rhyne  
Statesville, NC

Landrea Rhyne - January 11 at 11:12 PM

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“ I just don't even know where to start. I find that I am pretending Louise is not gone. Nobody will ever take her place for me; she was my brother's teacher, then a neighbor and a family friend.  
My loving but rather high-strung family owes a lot to Louise's grounding in good common sense. My brother Russell and I are planning to attend on Saturday. Love,  
Julie Flinchum Bradley

Julie Bradley - January 10 at 07:44 PM

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“ I was also blessed to have had “Miz Brad” as my sixth grade teacher at Brunson elementary school in Winston-Dalem and what a fabulous and inspirational teacher and person she was. She made learning fun and I remember my experience in her class as a special time. I feel really fortunate to have reconnected with Louise this fall at a Brunson reunion and will miss her.

Robin Belton Hayes - January 07 at 11:17 PM

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“ I was a friend in Winston- Salem. We were in the teacher's associations together and worked on committees together. She was a very talented teacher and associate. The area is poorer now at her passing.

**Ann McKenzie** - January 07 at 11:04 AM

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“ Sadly, Woodie & I have lost a very dear friend. Our hearts are heavy, yet our thoughts and prayers are with all of Louise's family and the many close friends Louise made over the years. If you met her, you had to love her. She was always so upbeat and enjoying life; a beautiful lady. Louise, I'm sure going to miss our phone conversations, email and personal visits we shared. You always were a fighter, but the fight is over. May you forever rest in peace. Our sincere condolences to the family. May your faith help you through your grief.

**Barbara (McCall) Smith** - January 06 at 09:02 PM

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“ I was in Louise's sixth-grade class at Brunson Elementary School in Winston-Salem. Miss Brad, as she was universally known among the students then, was one of my favorite teachers, and I have fond memories of her class even after almost half a century. Many of my classmates went on to distinguished careers, in no small part, I am sure, to extraordinary teachers like Louise who taught and mentored us while we were growing up. She read George Orwell's Animal Farm aloud to us to close out the day over the course of several weeks. Besides being a highly entertaining reader, she provided my first introduction to political satire and contemporary global affairs. As a class, we made a five-year "time capsule" whose opening made for a wonderful reunion prior to our senior years in high school. I have not lived in North Carolina for many years, but I have been very blessed to have had mentors like Louise throughout my life. My sincere condolences to her family and friends.

--Eric Kostelich, Tempe, Arizona

**Eric Kostelich** - January 06 at 07:22 PM

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“ Dear family, louise was a great person to grow up with, and to work with at homecomings, we will all miss her, from a Barium brother in Christ Jesus, we know she is with the Lord. Ronnie Hudgins

**Ronnie R Hudgins** - January 06 at 04:11 PM

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“ Such a great lady. We Barium sisters and brothers who grew up together share so many wonderful memories. Having graduated in 1953 I wasn't aware that Louise won the Ace Medal and am happy to know that. it was so well deserved.  
Sarah, we love you so much and know how much Louise will be missed by everyone who knew her. We Bradshaw and Inman sisters have always shared a very special bond. We will miss her so much. Homecoming won't be the same.  
Pattie Inman Hunt

**Pattie Hunt** - January 06 at 07:58 AM

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“ Louise was a very dear friend and co-worker. She helped me through a very difficult time in my life, and could always see the bright side in every situation. I will forever cherish the memories of my friendship with Louise, her sweet smile, and her wonderful gift in working with children. She will be greatly missed. My love and prayers go out to the family in the loss of your loved one.  
With loving memories,  
Marylynn Sloop

**Marylynn Sloop** - January 05 at 04:38 PM

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“ Louise was a great teacher and friend! Her beautiful smile would light up every room she entered. She was gifted beyond words as a leader and thinker! She always looked for creative solutions to challenges. It was a true joy to have spent years being her friend. Becky Cook, NC Alpha Delta Kappa

**Becky Cook** - January 05 at 11:06 AM



“ Louise was a very dear friend who helped me through the most difficult time in my life. I will always cherish the memory of her as being a true friend, always seeing the bright side to every situation, always having a kind word and smile, and being such a gifted teacher and co-worker. She will be missed greatly. My heart goes out to all the family in the loss of your loved one.  
With loving memories,  
Marylynn Sloop

**Marylynn Sloop** - January 05 at 04:13 PM

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“ Dear Sarah and family, this is a shocker and I believe you know how much we loved Louise and the Bradshaw family. Jack and I send our greatest symphnathy and love to you. Annie (Frazier) and Jack Driskell



**Annie (Frazier) Driskell** - January 04 at 06:21 PM

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“ Louise came into our lives as a bookkeeper and quickly became a friend. Her organizational skills brought order to our office and her bubbly personality was the “sunshine” on the phone that our customers frequently commented on. Louise was smart, funny, happy, and kind. She shared my passion for crosswords and between the two of us together were usually able to solve the daily puzzles. Bob and I loved spending time with Louise and Dick – there was even a time or two when we had too much fun! My daughters remember Louise as being that special adult who always treated them with kindness and respect – testimony to her teaching years and her love for children. Louise will be remembered for treating everyone with kindness and respect -- a living legacy we each can hope emulate.

**Sandy Gates** - January 04 at 06:12 PM