



Mary Ruth Owens

December 31, 1932 - April 28, 2025

Mary Ruth Karriker Owens, 92, of Mooresville, North Carolina, passed away at her home on Monday, April 28, 2025.

Mary Ruth was born December 31, 1932 to the late Ervin Alexander Karriker and Margaret Chambers Karriker. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Jack; brothers Paul, Jack, Jim and Jerry; and sisters, Ann, Alice Nell, Hazel, Rachel and Judy. She attended Landis High School and lived in Rowan County all of her life.

On February 19, 1950, Mary Ruth was married to Jack Daniel Owens and they recently celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary. Mary Ruth was a lifelong, baptized member of Concordia Lutheran Church, teaching the youth and preparing many meals alongside friends for various church functions.

Mary Ruth retired from Cannon Mills, Plant One Kannapolis working in the Washcloth Department. Mary Ruth certainly never retired from her favorite activity of crafting. Throughout her life she sewed, embroidered, quilted, fashioned cards, refrigerator magnets and Christmas ornaments. Even up until a few days of her passing, handmade Easter cards made their way to the mailbox to be delivered to loved ones. Countless hours were spent in the garden raising vegetables and beautiful flowers. Everyone enjoyed the homemade food Mary Ruth canned and cooked. Mary Ruth and Jack also

loved to travel to the Amish countryside in Pennsylvania to visit their cherished Amish friends.

Mary Ruth is survived by son, Danny Owens; daughter, Doris Goodnight; and sister Carolyn Timms. Also left to cherish their loving grandmother are five grandchildren, eight great grandchildren, one great-great grandchild and many beloved nieces and nephews.

A graveside funeral service conducted by the Reverend Dr. Larry Bost and Reverend Carlin Ours, will take place at Concordia Lutheran Church, China Grove at 3:00 PM on Thursday, May 1, 2025. Following the service, family will receive friends in the Family Life Center.

Memorials may be made to Concordia Lutheran Church General Fund, 185 Concordia Church Rd, China Grove, NC 28023 Online: concordia-lutheran.org.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Owens family. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.cavin-cook.com.

Cemetery Details

Concordia Evangelical Lutheran Church

185 Concordia Church Road
China Grove, NC 28023

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAY 1. 3:00 PM - 3:45 PM (ET)

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Receiving Friends

MAY 1. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

CA

“ Today we bid farewell to the last staple of my childhood and the last 25 years of my Niner and Papaw's generation. As I wrote in Jack's memory there were the hog killing days where my Niner wore pants the only time in her life. Mary Ruth wore pants or shorts all the time. Mary Ruth worked 2nd shift in the mill and as a child I never could understand bc my Mamaw Bost and Papaw Karriker worked 1st shift and my Niner didn't work. If Niner needed to talk to Mary Ruth or take her something in the summer, we had to take it in the morning. And it didn't matter if she worked til 11pm she was always up early in the garden. Since David moved me back here Mary Ruth has kept that ritual. If she found out that I was going in work late she would be right up here with me in the greenhouse. She'd call on days she really didn't have anything to do she said but I knew better and say leave stuff for me to pot and Ill come up there. She taught me how to cook and can beets bc I was too small to learn when my Mamaw Bost did it and my Niner and Papaw didn't can beets. She showed me how to cut and can pickle relish, and I haven't done anymore since we did it. Also, we canned Okra for winter to fry. She showed me the mint process. One year that we were having nontraditional Thanksgiving at moms, so I went down there. I knew she'd have turkey and dressing and all the trimmings. all I wanted was dressing and gravy. I got fooled. Mary Ruth puts eggs in her dressing and giblet gravy. I do not eat boiled eggs. So needless to say, I knew not to go back there for dresing We had a dog named Maeberry. She loved Mary Ruth. She'd go down to the trash pile and see what Mary Ruth had put out for the day and if Mary Ruth had not put stuff out Maeberry would go to the back door. One day Maeberry came home with a chunk of cornbread next time David was down there he told Mary Ruth not to put that out for Maeberry to call, and he'd come get it. We also then started getting fresh cornbread. Every night before Id go to bed I'd go to the back bathroom and look out to see if the kitchen light was on or not if it was after 10pm I knew she was still up working on something. She could let us know if anybody had come to our house during the day or on the weekends if we weren't home. The week before she passed away, she called me wanting peep peeps. She wanted them

to take care of. I found 2 in a little cage at Michaels and took them to her. What she never found out was that I got 6 baby peep peeps. When they get bigger and I can make sure of the hens one will be Mary, and one will be Ruth. I know she is with my Niner and my Niner is asking her what took her so long. I will miss you but I know you are not far away. Thank you for letting me be a small part of your life and you such a LARGE part of mine.

Crystal Allen - May 01, 2025 at 02:54 PM

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“ David & Regina Starnes Noonkester lit a candle in memory of Mary Ruth Owens



David & Regina Starnes Noonkester - May 01, 2025 at 08:52 AM

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“ Mary Ruth was so special. As a child she was kind and loving to me, and my sister. Mary Ruth and my Mama would ride to work together, and when me and my sister would get home from school, two little brown bags of candy would be on the porch steps. Her thoughtfulness made my childhood special. I loved her.

sherry rice - April 30, 2025 at 03:58 PM

JW

“ Danny, Corey, Lori and all of the family, I am so sorry for the loss of a Mother and Grandmother, sister.
Mary Ruth was a dear Friend of mine.
I loved her so much and will miss her as all of you will. She was one of the sweetest friends one could ever want.



Janice Wilson - April 30, 2025 at 11:56 AM

Leila
Hobbs

“ *Leila Hobbs lit a candle in memory of Mary
Ruth Owens*



Leila Hobbs - April 30, 2025 at 10:51 AM