



## Mary Ruth Setzer

April 19, 1934 - August 13, 2023

Mary Ruth Matze Setzer (April 19, 1934 - August 13, 2023)

Mary Ruth Matze Setzer of Mooresville, NC, passed away peacefully at Lake Norman

Regional Medical Center on Sunday, August 13, 2023. Mrs. Setzer was born in South Boston, VA, graduated from C.H. Friend High School, and received her degree in Christian Education from Flora MacDonald College in Red Springs, NC. She married Bobby Ray Setzer of Raeford, NC, in 1961.

Mrs. Setzer was one of North Carolina's foremost artists, working in all media and across

genres. She won numerous awards for her artwork and her work has been exhibited in many galleries, museums, and private collections. She taught art classes for many years at the Mooresville Gallery, worked in interior design, and was employed by Gibson Greeting Cards. Mrs. Setzer had an encyclopedic knowledge of North Carolina flora and fauna, particularly mountain wildflowers. She was a member of the Mooresville Arts Guild, the Artists Guild of Statesville, and Iredell County Arts. She and her husband were members of the First Presbyterian Church of Mooresville. Mrs. Setzer was curious about many subjects, and traveling enhanced her curiosity. She made several cross-country trips, and was particularly fond of the Outer Banks, where the Matze family held reunions several times a year. She had a great

sense of humor, and many of her relatives and friends considered her a walking party. She also had a deep love for her family and never forgot her roots in South Boston. She was a contributor to the South Boston Sports Hall of Fame, and presenter of the Matze Family Scholarship to Halifax County athletes.

Mrs. Setzer was preceded in death by her husband, Bobby Ray Setzer, parents William M. and Blanche L. Matze, brothers Mervin Matze (Caroline), Kenneth Matze (Kay), E. Luther Matze (Fran), Douglas Matze (Florence), and William Matze (Dody), sister Margaret Matze Lipe (Thomas), niece Mary Jo Lewis, and sister-in-law Janice Pickler.

She is survived by nieces Barbara Lipinski, Robin Sibold, Debbie Williams, Vivian Kidder, Amy Duncan, Susan Cheever, and Mary Lou Matze, and nephews Douglas Matze, Melvin Matze, William (Jay) Matze, Steven Matze, Stuart Matze, and Thomas Lipe, and sister-in-law Carolyn Inman.

A service of remembrance will be held at 2:00 PM, Saturday, October 7, 2023, at the chapel of Cavin-Cook Funeral Home. The family will receive friends following the service at the funeral home.

For those unable to attend the service please use the following link to view the service: <https://view.oneroomstreaming.com/index.php?data=MTY5NjYzOTg1NzI3NTE5OCZvbmVyb29tLWFKbWluJmNvcHlfbGluaw==>

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

# Cemetery Details

## Cavin-Cook FH & Crematory

494 E. Plaza Drive  
Mooresville, NC 28115

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

OCT 7. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Cavin-Cook Chapel  
494 E. Plaza Drive  
Mooresville, NC 28115

## Receiving Friends

OCT 7. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home  
494 E. Plaza Drive  
Mooresville, NC 28115

# Tribute Wall



“ *Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory created a Webcast in memory of Mary Ruth Setzer*



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**Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory** - October 06, 2023 at 05:12 PM

LT

“ *Mary was a great friend of mine for many years. For years, we had lunch together with other friends 5 days a week. I took an art class from her one year and have several paintings that I did during her class. Over the years Mary gave me several of her paintings. She was instrumental in establishing McDowell Arts and Crafts Association (MACA) still located on Main St., Marion, NC. Her husband Bob was the head pharmacist and manager of our drug store on Main Street. He was as wonderful as Mary was. Mary was outgoing and full of laughter and mischievousness! Bob was more quiet and mature! 😭 I miss them terribly when they moved to Mooresville years ago. We kept in touch for many years, but it's time passed we lost touch. I am so sorry to read about her passing in 2023. She and Bob were great friends and I shall cherish both of their memories forever.*

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**Linda Transou** - April 17, 2025 at 10:51 AM

MJ

“ *She was the most lovable/entertaining and witty person that you could ever find. I amire her, her memory and will forever remember my fond moments with the family in OBX! <3*

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**Melvin Matze, Jr.** - November 22, 2023 at 08:56 PM

MR

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Michael Roberts** - October 07, 2023 at 04:41 PM

MR

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Michael Roberts** - October 07, 2023 at 04:40 PM

AJ

“ *Mrs. Setzer would sit with me for hours when I worked at Trackside Restaurant. She would always order a salad and get cornbread as her second side and let me eat them. I loved her art and she was a kind friend.*

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**Allison Johnston** - August 24, 2023 at 08:21 PM

JM

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Jay Matze - August 19, 2023 at 11:32 AM

MS

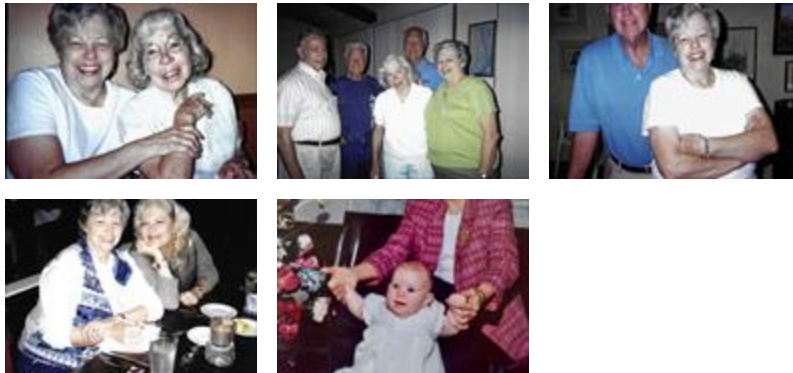
*I just was told of Mary's passing. We were neighbors of Mary and Bob's for almost 40 years. We would help her from time to time. She was a very nice lady. Please let us know if we can help in any way.*

*Mary and Wayne Smith*

Mary Ellen Smith - August 23, 2023 at 03:18 PM

TL

“ 7 files added to the album Mary Setzer



Thomas Lipe - August 19, 2023 at 11:29 AM

LE

“ *Mary was such a gifted woman! I worked with her husband, Bob, and he absolutely cherished her. They are reunited. Sympathy to all her family.* ”



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**Lois Elliott** - August 19, 2023 at 06:48 AM

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“ *3 files added to the album Mary Setzer* ”



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**Thomas Lipe** - August 18, 2023 at 11:03 AM