



Ruth Virginia Gaskill

May 30, 1921 - May 25, 2019

Ruth Virginia Skinner Gaskill Obituary

Ruth Virginia (Skinner) Gaskill peacefully went to be with her Lord on May 25, 2019 at Pitman Manor, Pitman NJ

Ruth V. Gaskill was born May 30, 1921 (Bridgeton, NJ) to Ruth Davies (Scull) Skinner and Vernon Leslie Skinner. Ruth lived in Pitman, Wildwood, and Florida while growing up, settling back in Bridgeton at 15 years of age. She lived in Bridgeton for over 60 years, returning to Pitman in 1999. She was preceded in death by her husband Carl Walker Gaskill (2011). Ruth and Carl were high school sweethearts and married in November 1944 after Ruth graduated from Cooper School of Nursing, Camden, NJ (1944). World War II had not ended and Carl was still in the US Navy so they initially lived on the west coast where their first son was born. When the war ended, they moved back to Bridgeton and built their home in Hopewell Township where they lived for 50 years raising their five children. Ruth is survived by her five children: Charles E Gaskill (Vineland, NJ), Phillip L. Gaskill (Bakersfield, CA), Carl R. Gaskill (Woodstown, NJ), Paula R. Gipp (Pinecliffe, CA) and Alan P. Gaskill (Piedmont, SC), 8 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. Ruth's only sister, Lavinia Skinner McCorkle, preceded her in death.

Ruth was active during her child-raising years with community volunteer activities that involved her children: Boy Scouts, Girls Scouts, PTA groups, and school classroom volunteer. She was very active in Central United Methodist Church (Bridgeton, NJ): Senior choir, Methodist Women Circles, and as a Sunday school teacher. With her family, the church was the center of Ruth's life.

Ruth's quiet sense of humor was always present... from describing her middle years raising her children as her "domestic engineer career" to her last years as her "maturing years NOT aging years". Her comment near the end of her life was "I have matured." She loved her flower gardening and was busy every summer standing by her husband in the kitchen as they jointly froze and canned enough food for at least twenty years plus! Family camping trips and later trips to visiting the children across the United States were their "get aways".

Ruth's family would like to extend a warm heartfelt thank you for the care that Pitman Manor gave to both our mother and father over the last 20 years. It is a place that cares above and beyond for their residents.

There will be a family gathering in memory of Ruth later this autumn. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be sent to UMC Foundations (Memory of Ruth Gaskill) 535 N. Oak Ave. Pitman Manor, Pitman, NJ 08071

Comments



“ As a relative newcomer to Paula's large friend group here in Colorado, I never got the opportunity to meet Ruth. But all the stories about Mom make clear Paula received large portions of her indomitable spirit and generosity from Ruth. (Pictures confirm great hair was also a trait of the Gaskill women)..
I hope as the memories settle, that you, her loved ones, continue to take comfort from one another, and the warm knowledge of your mom's love and life well-lived.
Rose Williams

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