



Ruth Grace Mary Harrod

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Ruth Grace Mary Thomas Harrod, age 91, peacefully stepped into heaven to be with Jesus her Savior the morning of November 18, 2019. She was born November 15, 1928 in Maidenhead Berkshire England to Mr. and Mrs Hanbury Thomas. Married to Laurence Eugene Harrod she became a mother of her beloved children Christopher Mark, Heather Ruth and Adrian Shaun. Ruth was a devoted christian musician, She began her organ study at the age of fourteen in Great Britain under the direction of Fred Slater, ARCO Organist and Master of the choristers at Winchester Cathedral. She accompanied her sister who sang for the armed forces in the canteen during WWII. After coming to the United States, she studied for two years at Columbia Bible College in South Carolina where she was organist for the choir. She was also organist/choir director of the Green Street Methodist Church, Columbia, South Carolina. Ruth has enjoyed a beautiful career in church music serving as organist/choir director for Anglican, Methodist, Baptist and Presbyterian congregations throughout the United States and Great Britain. For almost 20 years she served as organist/music secretary at Colonial Baptist Church of Memphis. She was also organist/pianist at Colonial Cumberland Presbyterian Church of Memphis and retired after 16 years of service. Her life was a living example of love. She brought joy into every room she entered, with a sparkle in her eye. Her favorite Bible Verse is – John 3:16-17 – For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son that whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Ruth is survived by a sister, Alice Brooker, brother, Roy Thomas, daughter Heather (Dan) Perkins, son Adrian (Nicci) Harrod, nine grandchildren – Michelle, Ally, Kate, Shaun, Jordan, Davy, Aiden, Janna and Jesse, and 2 great-grandchildren Jayden and Jordyn. The family would also like to thank all the wonderful caregivers from Unity Healthcare Services who loved her like their own mother specifically



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Tenny, Sharika, Britny, April, and Sheila. The family will receive friends at Memorial Park on Wednesday, November 20 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. with the service to be held at Colonial Baptist Church on Thursday, November 21 at 1:00 p.m.



Tribute Wall

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Barbara & Joenewsom/Hollye & Matthew Waddell posted:

Your mother was a special lady and friend. I think about all the rehearsals and duets we used to play together! We remember fondly the time we spent deciding on the music for Hollye's wedding and how I told her to pull out all the stops when Joe walked her down the aisle, and boy did she ever! I know your loss is great, but what glorious music she must be playing to her Lord! Our prayers are with you!

November 21 at 5:50 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Ruth by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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