

Ada Baker Ruark

September 8, 1932 - November 27, 2025

Ada Baker Ruark, 93, of Centreville, MD, passed peacefully on November 27, 2025. She is preceded in death by her parents Alfred and Blanche Baker, both of her sisters, Dorothy and Mathilda (Sis), and her son-in-law, Jack Edward Boyles, Jr. She is survived by her adoring husband of over 76 years, Edgar "Tootie" Phillips Ruark; two daughters, Gail Ruark Boyles and Kathy Ruark Parker; grandchildren, Andrew Patrick Boyles (Ashley), Erin Brae Boyles (Daniel Torrelio), Katy Parker Dunn (Alex), Mollie Parker Jolliffe (Dylan); and her 9 great-grandchildren and family members to which she is known to all as "Mimi".

Ada was born in Baltimore, MD in 1932 where her parents settled for her father's career in the Coast Guard. He passed when she was young, but she held a tight bond with her sisters that remained for the rest of their lives. Here where she met her husband, Tootie, as he was serving in the Navy. They started their family and settled in Severna Park, MD.

Ada and Tootie were true partners, exemplifying the importance of family in everything they did. This wonderful community is where they enjoyed boating, crabbing, and socializing and could always be found on the dance floor. Later, they moved to the Eastern Shore where they lived amongst the best neighbors one could have. They delighted in gatherings both hosted at their home and on 30+ years of summer trips with extended family to Bethany

Beach, DE. Ada fed her family well, dishing the best crab soup, deviled eggs and potato salad. She kept her family warm by knitting the most beautiful scarves and hats, and kept all the ladies fit walking the mall on all-day shopping trips. The light she brought into everyone's lives will be greatly missed.

The family will hold a memorial gathering for Ada on Friday, January 16th from 11am-12noon, followed by a service at noon, located at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home at 408 South Liberty Street Centreville, MD followed by a small reception for family and friends in Symphony Village.

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

JAN 16. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A.
408 S. Liberty Street
Centreville, MD 21617

Memorial Celebration

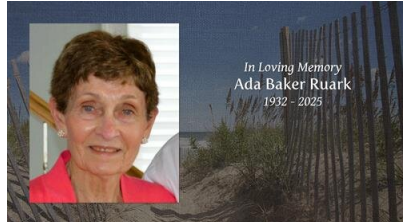
JAN 16. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ada Baker Ruark*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - January 15 at 08:41 AM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Ada Baker Ruark.*



January 07 at 10:49 AM



“ *Love, Karen and Tom, Rob and Dee planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ada Baker Ruark.*

Love, Karen and Tom, Rob and Dee - January 07 at 10:49 AM

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“ 16 files added to the album *Memories of Mimi*



Mollie Jolliffe - December 09, 2025 at 03:44 PM