



Mary Ruth Meredith

July 6, 1929 - March 22, 2019

Mary Ruth Meredith died at her home on March 22, 2019. She was 89.

Miss Meredith was born on July 6, 1929, at home in Wye Mills, MD, to Thomas O. Meredith and Rosalie Shortall Meredith. She attended Cordova High School, graduating in the Class of 1946. She continued her education at Salisbury State Teachers College, graduating in 1951.

Miss Meredith began her career in education in the Cecil County School System. She taught in Cecil County from 1951 until 1957, when she took a position with the Queen Anne's County School System. During her career, Miss Meredith taught grades 3, 5, and 6, and High School Remedial Reading. She was also a Queen Anne's County Helping Teacher and a County Title 1 Teacher. In 1996, after a 45-year career in education, she retired.

Miss Meredith was very active in her community. She was a member of the Maryland State Teaching Association, Maryland Retired School Personnel, Queen Anne's County 4-H All Star, International Reading Association, Upper Shore Reading Association, Salisbury State Teachers College Alumni Association, L&B Queen Anne's County Community Partnerships Board, Co Chair Advisor Council and Coach for Character Counts, President of the Queen Anne's County Retired Teachers Association, Chester Wye Board of Directors, Longaberger Basket Collectors Club and Chairman of Queen

Anne's County Fair for eight years.

In addition to community and state memberships, she was also very active with her church, Our Mother of Sorrows, in Centreville. Miss Meredith was the executive officer of the Parish Council, President of the Altar Society, Church Lector, and Eucharistic Minister. She was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Maryland, NU Chapter from 1958 to 2019.

She is survived by her brother, Tom Meredith; her nieces and nephews, Howard Meredith, Jr., Kathy Hayes, Libby Meredith, Linda Meredith, Amy Hutchison, Tracy Meredith and Kevin Meredith; and several cousins. She was preceded in death by her brother, Howard Meredith, Sr., and a niece, Sharon Meredith.

Visitations will be held on Monday, March 25, at the Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A. in Centreville, MD, from 2-4 and 6-8 pm. A funeral liturgy will be celebrated at 11 am on Tuesday, March 26, at Our Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church in Centreville. Burial will follow at St. Peter's Catholic Cemetery in Queenstown, MD.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to the Queen Anne's County 4-H All Stars, 930 Starr Road, Centreville, MD 21617.

For online condolences, please visit www.fhnfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

St. Peter's Catholic Cemetery

5319 Ocean Gateway
Queenstown, MD 21658

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 25. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Centreville Location
408 South Liberty Street
Centreville, MD 21617
(410) 758-1151
info@fhfuneralhome.com

Visitation

MAR 25. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Centreville Location
408 South Liberty Street
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Service

MAR **26**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Mother of Sorrows Church
303 Chesterfield Avenue
Centreville, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Ruth Meredith*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Mary Ruth Meredith*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Mary Ruth Meredith*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Lisa Christie lit a candle in memory of Mary Ruth Meredith*



Lisa Christie - April 01, 2019 at 07:41 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of Mary Ruth's passing. She was a very sweet lady. I fondly remember she and Luann attending Howard Jrs Little League games.*

Jim Watson - March 26, 2019 at 06:20 PM

PE

“ *Mary Ruth was a part of our lives in so many ways. She was my teacher and 37 years later taught Morgan. She was a colleague and a friend to our entire family. We have so many memories of fun times with her. Lately, our weekly dinners at Doc’s, Miss Mary Ruth’s Tuesday night Burger group.*
Rest In Peace Mary RUTH. We love you! ”

Pam and Fred Edwards - March 26, 2019 at 11:41 AM

LM

“ *Lucy McElroy lit a candle in memory of Mary Ruth Meredith* ”



Lucy McElroy - March 25, 2019 at 06:14 PM

JE

“ *Jennifer Eason lit a candle in memory of Mary Ruth Meredith* ”



Jennifer Eason - March 25, 2019 at 01:23 PM

LH

“ God so richly blessed me when Mary Ruth was selected to be my Master Teacher when I student taught at Centreville Middle School in 1988. We always stayed in touch after that and she was a great friend. I'll always treasure her memory and I will never forget her wonderful laugh. She was one of a kind and will be sorely missed by so many. God bless you Mary Ruth Meredith.

Lois Palmatory Harrison

Lois Harrison - March 25, 2019 at 12:05 PM

JM

“ John B Moore lit a candle in memory of Mary Ruth Meredith



John B Moore - March 25, 2019 at 11:39 AM

JC

“ One of the first educators that we met when we moved from PA in 1976 was Mary Ruth Meredith . As QACPS helping teacher, she provided the support necessary for each teacher’s successful experience. Amazingly, as busy as she was, she got to know each of us personally as well as professionally. This personal interest made us feel so welcome and was a deciding factor in our making Queen Anne’s County our permanent home. Mary Ruth often served as our messenger. Before the days of email, she would carry news from Stevensville Middle School where I worked, to the High School where my husband worked, and to all the schools in our school system. It was truly amazing how quickly news traveled via her assistance! I had the pleasure of working with Mary Ruth in the summer reading program and again in later years when I was principal of Centreville Elementary School and she was a Character Counts coach. Her devotion to QACPS and her love of children was always apparent. She carried that same dedication throughout her involvement in everything she volunteered to do. My last memories with Mary Ruth have been through our experiences in Delta Kappa Gamma, Nu Chapter, an organization that she loved. Mary Ruth has touched our lives in so many ways. As we send our condolences to her family, we want to express our gratitude for her service and friendship. Mary Ruth Meredith will be fondly remembered by all those who knew her. Her influence will be felt for many years to come. May she Rest In Peace.

Jean & Joe Cupani

Jean Cupani - March 25, 2019 at 10:07 AM

JP

“ Janet Pauls lit a candle in memory of Mary Ruth Meredith



Janet Pauls - March 25, 2019 at 07:25 AM

PS

“ *Miss Mary Ruth was a part of so many Rhodes family memories! She and her friend even found Mike and I in Dobson, NC! She loved people and enjoyed socializing. She was a Queen Anne’s County Icon who will be missed by many! You’re a legend, Miss Mary Ruth! Peace...*

Peggy Stanley - March 24, 2019 at 11:06 PM

SM

“ *Steven Mccarty lit a candle in memory of Mary Ruth Meredith*



steven mccarty - March 24, 2019 at 10:00 PM

MW

“ *Our deepest sympathies to the entire Meredith family. So many of my childhood memories include Mary Ruth and your family. She made quite a difference in so many lives. May she Rest In Peace.*



Mark & Jackie Wilhelm - March 24, 2019 at 08:28 PM

AH

“ *Rest In Peace, Miss Mary Ruth. You touched the lives of many! Ann & Joe*

Ann Joe Haymaker - March 24, 2019 at 06:35 PM

JF

“ Our condolences to Mary Ruth's family. We had the pleasure of teaching alongside her at Centreville Middle School. You always got a honest answer and a laugh! She will be missed...

Joshua & Rosalyn Fradel - March 24, 2019 at 03:07 PM

JW

“ Mary Ruth was my DKG sister who I met through the organization. As a dedicated member of Nu chapter, she attended all the chapter and state functions even traveling to international events. Always with a smile on her face, she always made you feel encouraged to get the job done. I am so glad that she was in my circle of friends.
Joan Wiggins- Past State President of the Maryland Organization of DKG



Joan Wiggins - March 24, 2019 at 02:13 PM

GP

“ Gene And Lynda Palmatary sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Ruth Meredith



Gene and Lynda Palmatary - March 24, 2019 at 02:05 PM

GP

What a legacy that has left us. Mary Ruth was loved by so many and she helped so many people. She has surely earned a place in heaven and shining down on many. Her memories will live on in our hearts. We had many good times on bus trips, County Fairs, house visits, bazaars and much more. Blessings and prayers to her family at this time. RIP Mary Ruth and we know you will keep everything straight in heaven. Love you and will miss you. Gene and Lynda Palmatary

Gene and Lynda Palmatary - March 24, 2019 at 02:10 PM

BN

“ *Bob and Genevieve Norris*



Bob and Genevieve Norris Norris - March 24, 2019 at 01:19 PM

LH

“ *Lynn Clark Higdon lit a candle in memory of Mary Ruth Meredith*



Lynn Clark Higdon - March 24, 2019 at 09:15 AM

BK

“ *Time to rest Mary Ruth. You are loved and missed.*

Bobbie King - March 23, 2019 at 07:17 PM

SM

I will always treasure the dinners we had together at Doc's you will truly be missed

shirley morris - March 24, 2019 at 02:58 PM

DL

“ *The Chesterwye Center has lost a valued and long-time Board member! Our condolences to the family.*

Debra Langseth - March 23, 2019 at 04:54 PM

TS

“ Tracy Schulz sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Ruth Meredith



Tracy Schulz - March 23, 2019 at 03:06 PM

PW

“ Condolences to the Meredith Family from your Florida Friends. You will be greatly missed by not only your Family but your Many Friends. The Fair will be missing you as at Friend and Worker and Doc's won't be the same without you there.

You have done a lot for this Country and I know Pat and Temple Rhodes especially Jenny will miss you as well as the many Friends you leave behind. It is your time now to rest and watch over all of us left here on this Earth!!

God Bless you.!

Love Paige and Frank Walbert



Paige and Frank Walbert - March 23, 2019 at 02:20 PM

JA

“ What a legacy she leaves..... your work on earth is done, Miss Mary Ruth. Time to rest!

Jane Anthony - March 23, 2019 at 01:46 PM

WD

“ *William L Davidson lit a candle in memory of Mary Ruth Meredith*



william I davidson - March 23, 2019 at 01:00 PM

CW

“ *Centreville Methodist Women sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Ruth Meredith*



Centreville Methodist Women - March 23, 2019 at 11:10 AM

CW

Prayers and blessings to the family at this time. Mary Ruth was a big supporter of anything the women had at our church. She loved to come to the bazaars and sit and chat and it was always a pleasure to have her. She will be missed, but her love for others will live on. God bless. Centreville Methodist Women

Centreville Methodist Women - March 23, 2019 at 11:13 AM

TB

“ *Tim And Esther Blackiston sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Ruth Meredith*



Tim and Esther Blackiston - March 23, 2019 at 11:09 AM

FP

“ Frank And Tish Palmatary sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Ruth Meredith



Frank and Tish Palmatary - March 23, 2019 at 11:07 AM

LJ

“ Mary Ruth was a well respected teacher. She cared about her students, and made sure each was a successful learner. I learned much from her. My deepest sympathy to the family, especially Libby.

Linda M Jefferson - March 23, 2019 at 09:59 AM

LJ

“ Linda M Jefferson lit a candle in memory of Mary Ruth Meredith



Linda M Jefferson - March 23, 2019 at 09:52 AM

HD

“ Howard &Doris Donovan lit a candle in memory of Mary Ruth Meredith



Howard &Doris Donovan - March 23, 2019 at 08:45 AM

HO

A special friend and teacher to us.

Howard - March 23, 2019 at 08:47 AM

SE

“ *Spencer and Barbara Everett*



Spencer W. Everett - March 23, 2019 at 08:18 AM

LP

“ *Sincere Condolences*




Lisa Stubbs Plummer - March 23, 2019 at 08:16 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Ruth Meredith.*



March 23, 2019 at 02:18 AM

 Lisa
Connell

“ *Lisa Connell lit a candle in memory of Mary Ruth Meredith*



Lisa Connell - March 22, 2019 at 11:54 PM

JT

“ I loved her spunk. She made me laugh. My condolences to the entire family... especially Libby.

Jacqueline Toliver - March 22, 2019 at 10:58 PM

CB

“ Cindi Boone lit a candle in memory of Mary Ruth Meredith



Cindi Boone - March 22, 2019 at 10:20 PM

LC

“ Loretta Cudnik lit a candle in memory of Mary Ruth Meredith



Loretta Cudnik - March 22, 2019 at 09:54 PM

BB

“ Brandy Buchholz lit a candle in memory of Mary Ruth Meredith



Brandy Buchholz - March 22, 2019 at 09:34 PM



“ *Mary Ruth was such a giving lady. Whenever I needed a judge for our 4-H Goat Gang or the Crafty Kids Public Speaking I could always count on her. She was a true supporter of 4Hers.*

Becky Chance - March 22, 2019 at 09:30 PM

NM

“ *What a lady she was to work with! She was one of a kind and will be missed by many. Prayers to her family. I still remember the day she backed into my car, we had damage and a lot of laughs. Farewell dear lady.*



Nancy Morris - March 22, 2019 at 09:23 PM

LF

“ *Lora Robbins And Family lit a candle in memory of Mary Ruth Meredith*



Lora Robbins and Family - March 22, 2019 at 09:00 PM

MB

“ *Michelle Beville lit a candle in memory of Mary Ruth Meredith*



Michelle Beville - March 22, 2019 at 09:00 PM

MB

“ Miss Mary Ruth was such a joy! I had many enlightening conversations with her over the years and I received a lot of advice. When you get advice from someone with such wisdom you have been truly gifted! Welcome to the pearly gates you have Miss Mary Ruth you have definitely earned your wings ! Prayers to you and your family as I know they will miss such a great lady!

Michelle Beville - March 22, 2019 at 08:59 PM

JS

“ She was a great Lady. Influenced a lot 4-hers over the years! She will be missed.

Jimmy Snyder - March 22, 2019 at 08:26 PM

Julie DeStefano

“ Julie DeStefano lit a candle in memory of Mary Ruth Meredith



Julie DeStefano - March 22, 2019 at 07:55 PM

JC

“ June And David Clark lit a candle in memory of Mary Ruth Meredith



June and David Clark - March 22, 2019 at 07:53 PM

JP

“ John And Phyllis Perkins lit a candle in memory of Mary Ruth Meredith



John and Phyllis Perkins - March 22, 2019 at 07:13 PM

WH

“ Wendy Hampton sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Ruth Meredith



Wendy Hampton - March 22, 2019 at 06:59 PM

BM

“ Mary Ruth will be missed by so many people in our community. She was especially active in Delta Kappa Gamma for more than 60 years. I will miss her and send my deepest sympathy to her family.

Barbara A. McCreary - March 22, 2019 at 06:25 PM

RE

“ Ron & Bonnie Edwards lit a candle in memory of Mary Ruth Meredith



Ron & Bonnie Edwards - March 22, 2019 at 06:08 PM

DT

“ Every one of us can take a page from Miss Mary Ruth's book and learn from it. She was always a true teacher in every sense of the word. Rest in Peace Lady, you deserve it. thank you for everything you did, beyond my third grade experience.

diana patchett tarrant - March 22, 2019 at 05:55 PM

TO

“ I always gave her a "Hard Time" and she always smiled and had something witty to give back. Wonderful Lady and wonderful "Role Model". She traveled everywhere! She WILL be missed by many!

Terry Ober - March 22, 2019 at 05:54 PM

SN

“ My condolences to Howard, Libby, Linda, Tracey, Amy, Kevin and Kathy. Mary Ruth certainly was a tell it like it was lady and for that I admired her. Always was friendly to me no matter where I would see her. So sorry to hear of her passing and May GOD be with all of you during this time of grief. Love to all of you ❤️



Sharon Schlotzhauer Neuwiller - March 22, 2019 at 05:52 PM

DT

“ Diana Patchett Tarrant lit a candle in memory of Mary Ruth Meredith



diana patchett tarrant - March 22, 2019 at 05:51 PM

PD

“ *Mary Ruth was one of the kindest people I ever met. I was her hairdresser while I lived in Easton. She will be greatly missed. An angel for sure* ❤️
Patti Roe Diefenderfer

patricia diefenderfer - March 22, 2019 at 05:28 PM

CC

“ *Carolann Chandler lit a candle in memory of Mary Ruth Meredith*



Carolann Chandler - March 22, 2019 at 05:11 PM

JA

“ *Judy Adkins lit a candle in memory of Mary Ruth Meredith*



Judy Adkins - March 22, 2019 at 04:51 PM

JM

“ *Jeff And Cindy Moore lit a candle in memory of Mary Ruth Meredith*



jeff and cindy moore - March 22, 2019 at 04:47 PM

JB

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all and Miss Mary Ruth. My memory of her is that she was always smiling and seemed so happy. She was just such a lovely person. Heaven gained a beautiful person! Take care.

Joanne Kotch Beemiller

Joanne B - March 22, 2019 at 04:37 PM

SJ

“ Steve & Terrie Jarrell sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Ruth Meredith



Steve & Terrie Jarrell - March 22, 2019 at 04:33 PM

SJ

We send our love and deepest sympathy to the Meredith family. "Aunt" as we so fondly called her will truly be missed by us. We will miss being with her at the family gatherings/parties etc. This dear lady left a legacy and many memories to the many people she has touched throughout her 89 years. She has touched so many in many different realms and elements of life. We pray for comfort and strength during this and mand other difficult times.

*Much Love,
Steve & Terrie Jarrell*

Steve & Terrie Jarrell - March 22, 2019 at 04:41 PM

CH

“ *Connie Harros lit a candle in memory of Mary Ruth Meredith*



Connie Harros - March 22, 2019 at 04:30 PM

SN

“ *Susan Sutton Nickerson lit a candle in memory of Mary Ruth Meredith*



Susan Sutton Nickerson - March 22, 2019 at 04:17 PM

JP

“ *JoAnn & Royden Powell lit a candle in memory of Mary Ruth Meredith*



JoAnn & Royden Powell - March 22, 2019 at 03:52 PM

WK

“ *Whitney Kairos lit a candle in memory of Mary Ruth Meredith*



Whitney Kairos - March 22, 2019 at 03:38 PM

LD

“ Libby & Family:

You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,

Lawrence J. Dunn, Jr.

Lawrence Dunn - March 22, 2019 at 03:20 PM

SW

“ Sue Wolff lit a candle in memory of Mary Ruth Meredith



Sue Wolff - March 22, 2019 at 03:17 PM

BJ

“ Miss Meredith, was such a great teacher and person with a true passion for helping others. Heaven has surely gained an angel with lots of knowledge and love to share. Rest In Peace



Brandy Perkins Jewell - March 22, 2019 at 01:25 PM

SD

Condolences to all the Meredith family. Mary Ruth touched alot of students in her record number of years teaching. I admired her stamina and helping others. She is now in a better place.

Sara Jane Davidson - March 24, 2019 at 10:54 AM