



## Ruth Ann Higgins

October 28, 1914 - May 10, 2008

Ruth Higgins, 93, of Kent Island, MD, residing in Greenfield Assisted Living in Berryville, VA, died on Saturday, May 10, 2008.

She was born to Ruth Ann Kolata to Charles and Louise Kolata on October 28, 1914, in Ellendale, DE. She attended secondary school in Kent Island, MD, and graduated from Stevensville School. Following graduation, she attended Towson State College in Baltimore where she received a degree in teaching. Later she continued her education at Salisbury State College, graduating with a Bachelor's of Arts degree.

In 1943, she married Harold Bailey Higgins prior to his deployment in the armed forces during World War II.

She served as principal and teacher at Stevensville School, teaching all grade levels and later taught elementary school grades, primarily first grade, in Caroline County, and Dorchester County in the town of Hurlock, MD. Other than devotion to her family, teaching young children was her first love and joy, and Ruth pursued her teaching career for over 30 years. Additionally she was an active member of Stevensville United Methodist Church and later, Kent Island United Methodist Church, where among numerous activities she taught Sunday School and headed the Prayer Chain Mission.

Ruth was preceded in death by her brothers, Karl Kolata, and Harry Kolata

(June); her daughter, Donna Gayle Higgins; and her husband of more than 60 years, Harold Higgins.

Surviving are two sons, Larry Higgins (Gwen Casey-Higgins) of Berryville, VA, and Donald Higgins (Debra Goldstein Higgins) of Norfolk, VA; and three granddaughters, Jessica Higgins of Gaithersburg, MD, and Jennifer Higgins and Rebecca Higgins of Norfolk, VA.

Steadfast in her love and devotion to her beloved husband, Harold Higgins, her children and grandchildren, her church, her school children, and her community, Ruth was loved by all who knew and cared for her. She will be missed by all.

The Higgins Family would like to express appreciation to the staff at Greenfield of Berryville Assisted Living and Blue Ridge Hospice for their care and support over the last six years.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m., Sunday, May 18, at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newman Funeral Home, 106 Shamrock Road, Chester, MD.

Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. on Monday, May 19, at Kent Island United Methodist Church, in Chester, MD, with burial on Kent Island at Stevensville Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Kent Island United Methodist Church, 2739 Cox Neck Road, P.O. Box 308, Chester, MD 21619; or Blue Ridge Hospice, 333 Cork Street #405, Winchester, VA 22601

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ruth Ann Higgins*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Ruth Ann Higgins*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Ruth Ann Higgins*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Thoughts and words cannot express the thoughts our heart would like to say. Were praying for you to have the strength for today and comfort in the days ahead. In times of darkness, keeping eternal love in god will help you through this difficult time. Remembering in faith that god has led your mother home to a special place in heaven. For she was a special lady. In heartflet prayer in his promise for everlasting life. With sincere condolences. Carole Stubbs, Lisa Fleetwood, William E. Stubbs###imported-begin###Lisa S Fleetwood###imported-end##*

June 03, 2008 at 03:38 PM



“ Larry & Gwen,  
I am keeping you in my thoughts.  
I had some great chats with your mom while I was picking up the  
eggs those many years ago.  
Take care & will talk with you soon,  
Elaine###imported-begin###Elaine Monroe###imported-end##

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May 20, 2008 at 07:38 PM



“ Larry and Gwen,  
  
Please take comfort in knowing that you were responsible and  
caring children who did the very best for your mother and mother-in-  
law.  
  
Truly,  
  
Ruthling###imported-begin###Ruth Laughlin###imported-end##

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May 17, 2008 at 01:37 AM



“ Larry and Don, you both know how I, Shirley, felt about your Mom  
and Dad. They were lilke my second set of parents. We all loved  
them dearly and will miss them terribly. Our sincere sympathy to you  
both and your families.###imported-begin###Shirley and Rennie  
Bournique###imported-end##

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May 15, 2008 at 04:46 PM



“ To the Higgins Family: My deepest sympathy and prayers to you at this time in the loss of your mother. I met your mother when your father was in Corsica Hills as a patient. He was in the room with my dad and they enjoyed each other's company and of course, your mother took care of both of them like an angel. May God give you the strength to face this loss. Your mother was a wonderful lady and will be missed by many. Lynda Palmatary, 221 Hope Road, Centreville, Md. 21617###imported-begin##Lynda H. Palmatary###imported-end##

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May 15, 2008 at 11:09 AM



“ Larry and Gwen, my thoughts are with you during this time of loss as it's especially hard to lose a mother. Your mother will surely be missed as she touched so many in her lifetime through her teaching and dedication. Jo Ann###imported-begin##Jo Ann Bell###imported-end##

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May 13, 2008 at 12:23 PM



“ Larry & Gwen,

*Our sincere condolences on the passing of your loved one. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Eric & Elizabeth Vanetti###imported-begin##Eric Vanetti###imported-end##*

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May 13, 2008 at 08:52 AM