



Ruth Lauretta Rhodes

May 25, 1920 - January 11, 2013

Ruth Lauretta Hall Rhodes of Queenstown, MD, died on January 11, 2012, at Corsica Hills Nursing Center, Centreville, MD. She was 92.

Born on May 25, 1920, in Cordova, MD, Lauretta was the daughter of Sarah Catherine Redman Hall and Theobold Hall. She graduated from Church Hill High School in 1937. After completing a business course at Goldey-Beacom College, Lauretta worked in several secretarial positions including one at Friel Lumber Company, Queenstown, MD. While living in the Queenstown area, she met James Thomas Rhodes, Sr. They were married on September 8, 1945, at Saint Peter's Catholic Church.

Her activities centered around her devotion to family, community, and church. She belonged to the Junior Woman's Club of Centreville, the Queen Anne's County Homemakers, PTA offices, and 4-H leadership positions occupied spare time as her children grew. As a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church, Lauretta participated in numerous projects such as church dinners and Lawn Fetes.

She was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. Cooking, sewing, writing letters, and sending greeting cards were among her favorite hobbies. Lauretta was known as a kind, caring friend to all.

In addition to her parents, Mrs. Rhodes was preceded in death by her husband of sixty-three years, James Thomas Rhodes, Sr.; one sister, Mabel Hall; one brother, Morgan Hall; and one son-in-law, James W. Yates.

She is survived by her four children, Peggy Rhodes Yates Stanley (Michael); Ann Rhodes Haymaker (Joe); James Thomas "Tommy" Rhodes, Jr., (Cindy); and William K. "Billy" Rhodes (Charlene). She had six grandchildren, Philip G. Yates (Jennifer), J. Brett Yates (Pam), Heather Rhodes Comegys (Willie); Steven W. Rhodes (Holly); Jason K. Rhodes; and Michael T. Rhodes. Her seven great-grandchildren knew her as "Mom-Mom the Great."

Funeral Services will be held 2PM, on Tuesday January 15, 2013, at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Queenstown, MD, where burial will follow in the St. Peter's Church Cemetery.

Friends and family may call from 6PM to 8PM on Monday, January 14, 2013, at the Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home in Centreville, MD.

The family requests that memorial contributions can be made to St. Peter's Cemetery Trust Fund, Attention Julie, 303 Chesterfield Ave, Centreville, MD 21617 or Queenstown Fire Company, P.O. Box 118, Queenstown, MD 21658.

Cemetery Details

St. Peter's Catholic Cemetery

5319 Ocean Gateway
Queenstown, MD 21658

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 14. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Service

JAN 15. 2:00 PM (ET)

St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church
5319 Ocean Gateway
Queenstown, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ruth Laretta Rhodes*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - October 19, 2022 at 09:53 PM



“ *Ruth Laretta Rhodes*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Ruth Laretta Rhodes*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Ruth Laretta Rhodes*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Martha & Royce Herman lit a candle in memory of Ruth Laretta Rhodes*



Martha & Royce Herman - January 22, 2013 at 09:11 PM

MH

“ Our condolences to you, Tom, and the family on the loss of your mom. May God Bless you and give you peace. Martha & Royce Herman

Martha & Royce Herman - January 22, 2013 at 09:09 PM

ND

“ Thinking of your family. Donald and Norma Dean

Norma jean dean - January 19, 2013 at 09:13 AM

TW

“ Dear Peggy and family,
Please accept my sincere and heartfelt condolences in the loss of your mother. I know she was a great blessing to all of you and that you have sweet, sweet memories of her life. Praying for peace and comfort during this time, and that you will find joy in reflections of your mom.
Love you, Twylia

Twylia Wrlick - January 18, 2013 at 08:56 AM

BD

“ Please accept my sympathy. I think Ms Rhodes was in my Dad's class at CHES.

Bennett Downes

Bennett Downes - January 17, 2013 at 04:21 PM

JE

“ *Jim And Mary Ann Edwards lit a candle in memory of Ruth Lauretta Rhodes*



Jim and Mary Ann Edwards - January 17, 2013 at 07:15 AM

BC

“ *Brittany & Sam Cutler lit a candle in memory of Ruth Lauretta Rhodes*



Brittany & Sam Cutler - January 16, 2013 at 04:50 PM

BS

“ *Barbara Blades Stoops lit a candle in memory of Ruth Lauretta Rhodes*



Barbara Blades Stoops - January 16, 2013 at 09:50 AM

BS

What an easy lady to love! I have such fond memories of our families together and our visits to "the farm."

Barbara Blades Stoops - January 16, 2013 at 09:51 AM

PS

“ Dear Peggy and Rhodes family,
We are so sad to hear of your dear mother's passing. I am so thankful that we had the opportunity to spend time with your mom and dad over the years and what a joy they were! I have been remembering the Christmas eve gatherings and all the fun we had together doing dirty Christmas...your dad really got into the spirit of it! And your mom's smile and laughter, that is what I will always remember about her. Your family was certainly blessed to have had such special parents and we have been blessed to have known them as well. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you today and in the days to come. May her smile and laughter always live in your hearts and in the hearts of her precious grandchildren and great grandchildren..she was truly blessed.
Love you,
Paula and Randy Stanley

Paula K. Stanley - January 15, 2013 at 03:55 PM

GS

“ We enjoyed the few times our families got together, wish they had been more, but the distance made that difficult. Your mother was a special lady, it reflects in her children. Your family will be in our prayers throughout this difficult time. Love, Gary and Wanda Stanley

Gary and Wanda Stanley - January 15, 2013 at 09:44 AM

NH

“ Aunt Punky was a delightful warm and loving friend. I will always remember her smile because she was never without it! I know you will miss her greatly. Nancy

Nancy Holleny - January 15, 2013 at 07:23 AM

NH

“ Nancy Holleny lit a candle in memory of Ruth Laretta Rhodes



Nancy Holleny - January 15, 2013 at 07:21 AM



“ We were all so sad to hear about Mrs. Laretta's passing. Growing up in Queenstown made all of us "family". We do have some comfort in knowing that she is at peace and with so many of her loved ones, friends and her Lord. Please know that the family is in our thoughts and in our prayers. With much sympathy , Pat Anthony, Beth Anthony and Brenda Tryon



Brenda Tryon - January 14, 2013 at 08:03 PM

CL

“ To the Rhodes family,, I am sadden by the passing of my buddy Ms Laretta.
I will miss her smile and bright eyes also I will miss our little talks we had.
I will say a prayer for the family and will think of each of you.
Clara Lockwood
House keeper at Corsica Hills.

Clara Anne Lockwood - January 14, 2013 at 06:59 PM

PS

“ To the Rhodes Family,

I remember your mom with such fond memories. I had so many wonderful times at your house years ago, dinners, holiday celebrations. She always made me feel at home and treated me me so well. I saw her a couple years ago at Corsica, and when I told her who I was she said "oh, yes, I remember". I am so sorry about your loss, but I know she had a great life, and a wonderful, loving family. She will be remembered by me always.
Patti Smith (KELLY).

Patricia Kelly Smith - January 14, 2013 at 06:32 PM

AW

“ Andy And Agnes Wilhelm lit a candle in memory of Ruth Laretta Rhodes



Andy and Agnes Wilhelm - January 14, 2013 at 04:28 PM

NC

“ Love, hugs and prayers for all the Rhodes family. Aunt Laretta and Uncle Tommy were two of the sweetest people. I feel blessed to have been able to call them family. To those left behind please know that their legacy has been their children, grandchildren and all those they "adopted". Our lives and Queen Annes county are better because of them. God bless. Nancy Ruth Hall Coleman (I was named Ruth as a tribute to her)



Nancy Hall Coleman - January 14, 2013 at 04:02 PM

BW

“ *Barbara White lit a candle in memory of Ruth Laretta Rhodes*



Barbara White - January 14, 2013 at 02:54 PM

AH

“ *Amy Hanson lit a candle in memory of Ruth Laretta Rhodes*



Amy Hanson - January 14, 2013 at 02:44 PM

MJ

“ *Marilyn Johnson lit a candle in memory of Ruth Laretta Rhodes*



Marilyn Johnson - January 14, 2013 at 02:30 PM

TO

“ My condolences to the Rhodes Family. May you find comfort during this very difficult time in your lives. The loss of a dear loved one is heartbreaking, but we can find comfort from Gods word. John 5:28,29 assures us of a promise made from God that our dear loved ones sleeping in death would hear Jesus voice and come out of their memorial tombs. God promises to resurrect them back to life on a paradise earth where sickness and death will be no more. Revelation 21:4 Isaiah 25:8. What a wonderful promise to look forward to seeing our dear loved ones again.

Tonia - January 14, 2013 at 01:47 PM

KM

“ Kathy McGuire lit a candle in memory of Ruth Laretta Rhodes



Kathy McGuire - January 14, 2013 at 01:23 PM

WS

“ Whitney Stevens lit a candle in memory of Ruth Laretta Rhodes



Whitney Stevens - January 14, 2013 at 12:16 PM

DP

“ *Doug Pierson lit a candle in memory of Ruth Laretta Rhodes*



Doug Pierson - January 14, 2013 at 10:51 AM

KL

“ *To The Rhodes Family,*

So very sorry for your loss. Please call me if you need anything.

*Love,
Josh & Kerry Legg*



Kerry Legg - January 14, 2013 at 09:21 AM

JH

“ *John, Kelly, And Johnny Hack lit a candle in memory of Ruth Laretta Rhodes*



John, Kelly, and Johnny Hack - January 14, 2013 at 08:58 AM

HC

“ *Henry, Karen, Ashley And Lindsay Clifton lit a candle in memory of Ruth Laretta Rhodes*



Henry, Karen, Ashley and Lindsay Clifton - January 14, 2013 at 08:57 AM

KC

***John, Kelly and Johnny

Karen Clifton - January 14, 2013 at 09:02 AM

PE

“ Peaches lit a candle in memory of Ruth Laretta Rhodes



Peaches - January 14, 2013 at 07:49 AM

TF

“ THE WENCK FAMILY lit a candle in memory of Ruth Laretta Rhodes



THE WENCK FAMILY - January 14, 2013 at 05:14 AM

JE

“ Peggy, I am very sorry for your loss.
Jan Edwards

Jannice Edwards - January 13, 2013 at 09:24 PM

CW

“ Centreville United Methodist Women lit a candle in memory of Ruth Laretta Rhodes



Centreville United Methodist Women - January 13, 2013 at 08:31 AM

CW

Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes were faithful supporters of our yearly fall bazaar every year. They had a great time seeing and chatting with their many friends. It was always such a joy to have them with us. Our prayers and sympathy are with the family at this time. CUMW

Centreville United Methodist Women - January 13, 2013 at 08:33 AM

MO

“ *Mary Ann O’Connell lit a candle in memory of Ruth Laurretta Rhodes*



Mary Ann O’Connell - January 13, 2013 at 07:17 AM

KR

“ *Well done good and faithful servants! God bless you all as you remember and share the good times. Kathy and Bob*

Kathy and Bob Rittler - January 13, 2013 at 06:17 AM

AR

“ *Anne Robinett lit a candle in memory of Ruth Laurretta Rhodes*



Anne Robinett - January 12, 2013 at 08:28 PM

AR

I enjoyed learning to know Mrs. Rhodes as Corsica. She was such a happy person and full of so many stories. She will be missed.

Anne Robinett - January 12, 2013 at 08:28 PM

LP

“ Lynda And Gene Palmatary lit a candle in memory of Ruth Laurretta Rhodes



Lynda and Gene Palmatary - January 12, 2013 at 07:14 PM

LP

“ To the Rhodes Family: How saddened our hearts are in the loss of our dear friend, Aunt Punkie. That is the only name I ever called her since I was a baby. How many great times did our families have together and they will always remain in our hearts--having picnics, going to the beach, going to carnivals and how many dinners did we eat together? Those were the good old days. Aunt Punkie had a heart of gold and how many children and neighbors did she help in Queenstown? Way too many to count. She surely got her wings when she entered the Golden Gates and God greeted her with opened arms. The last few years were very difficult on her, but she kept going and loved to spend time with her family and friends. Our deepest sympathy and prayers are with all of you at this time. May her legacy live on forever and her smile will never be forgotten. We were so lucky to have her in our lives. Blessings and love, Gene and Lynda Palmatary



Lynda and Gene Palmatary - January 12, 2013 at 07:11 PM

RP

“ Rhodes Family- Our hearts are saddened with the news of the death of your Mom. She was a lovely, kind and gentile lady. We have lots of great memories of she and your Dad on our visits to "The Farm." Our thoughts and prayers go out to you.

Ray and Susan Parker

Raymond A. Parker - January 12, 2013 at 06:04 PM

JA

“ Rhodes Family- my thoughts are with you during this sad time, even though we all know she is in a much better place. I loved her and your Dad very much. My parents could not have chosen a better set of Godparents for me. It is just so hard saying goodbye to this generation. Family came first, hard work came next, and good 'ole fashioned fun followed. What led all this was their love and respect for our Lord. We should be so thankful for having the parents we did- they did good! We must ensure we carry on the morals and values they taught us so our children and grandchildren will feel this connection and realize the importance of family. Love to you all- you all hold a very special place in my heart and always will.

*Love,
Jane*

Jane Anthony - January 12, 2013 at 04:51 PM

BJ

“ Brandy Perkins Jewell lit a candle in memory of Ruth Lauretta Rhodes



Brandy Perkins Jewell - January 12, 2013 at 04:49 PM

JL

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Rhodes family at this time. May you always keep the memories of your mother close to your heart.

Jim & Connie Louden - January 12, 2013 at 03:28 PM

HH

“ Harriette Hall lit a candle in memory of Ruth Laretta Rhodes



Harriette Hall - January 12, 2013 at 03:14 PM

HH

*To all of our dear family
Norris joins me in expressing our deep and heartfelt sympathy. She was a wonderful aunt to Norris and after our marriage (58 years ago), she welcomed me with open arms. Each of you are even more than family to us, you are great friends as well. She and I shared one of the things we both enjoyed doing -- sending greeting cards. She never forgot our special occasions and I always remembered hers and Uncle Tommy's. Didn't know if you all knew our daughter Nancy's middle name is Ruth in honor of Aunt Laretta.
With our love & shared tears. God be with you for comfort. God and we know that you have already shown remarkable strength these last years of her life.
Harriette*

Harriette Hall - January 12, 2013 at 03:23 PM

TJ

“ *Terrie Jarrell sent a virtual gift in memory of Ruth Laretta Rhodes*



Terrie Jarrell - January 12, 2013 at 02:29 PM

TJ

Dear Rhodes Family, please accept our deepest sympathy in the loss of Ms. Laretta. May your memories of her comfort you during this difficult time.

Terrie and Steve Jarrell - January 12, 2013 at 02:31 PM

JC

“ *June And David Clark lit a candle in memory of Ruth Laretta Rhodes*



June and David Clark - January 12, 2013 at 12:20 PM