



Ramona Margaret Cochran Turman

May 31, 1940 - February 10, 2020

Ramona Margaret Cochran Turman, 79, died on February 10, 2020 at her home on the campus of Brooks-Howell Home from metastatic breast cancer. Ramona was born on May 31, 1940 in Emory University, GA., to the late Rev. Charles B. and Margaret Thompson Cochran. She was a graduate of Decatur High School, Asbury University and the Medical College of Georgia (Medical Technology).

She and her husband, Don, served for 15 years as United Methodist Missionaries in Indonesia where Ramona worked in Medical technology and taught English in Methodist schools and seminaries. Together, they served Methodist churches in Lithonia, GA (Belmont and Rockland), Indonesia (Palembang, Medan and Jakarta) and United Methodist churches in Western North Carolina (Hot Springs, Newdale, Cherokee, and Rockwood). She also worked at Dekalb General Hospital, Spruce Pine Hospital, C.J. Harris Hospital and MAHEC.

Ramona especially enjoyed working with children wherever she lived, more recently at Skyland UMC, Asheville. She was a creative cook and loved to work with plants and flowers. Her greatest love was her family for whom she enjoyed cooking great meals on Sundays after church.

Survivors include her husband of 57 years, Rev. Donald W. Turman; sons:

Steve of Asheville, Keith (Chan) of Waynesville, and Cary of Mt. Pleasant, SC; six grandchildren: Ben Turman of Chengdu, China, Joe Turman of Pittsburg, Clair T. Brouwer (Matt) of Raleigh, Silas Turman of Clemson, Ross Turman of Boston, and Margo Turman of Clemson; Siblings: Emerson Cochran (Alice) of Marietta, GA., Yvonne Moulton and Juanita Russell of Wilmore, KY, and Possie Raiford (Rich) of Asheville; and many nieces and nephews, all of whom were greatly loved by Ramona.

A celebration of Ramona's life will be held on Saturday, February 22nd at 3 p.m. in Memorial Chapel, Brooks-Howell Home, 266 Merrimon Avenue, Asheville, NC 28801.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Brooks-Howell Home or to Skyland United Methodist Church, 1984 Hendersonville Road, Asheville, NC 28803.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

FEB **22**. 3:00 PM (ET)

Brooks Howell Home
266 Merrimon Avenue
Asheville, NC 28801
<http://www.brooks-howell.org>

Tribute Wall

DW

“ Thinking of Don and Ramona I just learned of Ramona's death. She and Don were a wonderful presence during their times of ministry in Medan, Indonesia, where I knew them. Grateful blessings to the whole Truman family for Ramona's gifts to us.

donna woodward - February 23, 2024 at 12:34 PM



“ Ramona Margaret Cochran Turman

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ramona Margaret Cochran Turman.



February 21, 2020 at 10:40 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Ramona Margaret Cochran Turman.



February 21, 2020 at 10:07 PM

JB

“ Dear Turman Family, Ramona and I attended Pattillo Methodist Church as children, where her Father, Dr. Cochran, was the pastor. We also were in the same class at Oakhurst Elementary School and Decatur High School. Ramona touched my heart deeply. My prayers are for her joyous and peaceful transition, and for her family to receive the peace that passes all understanding. Much love and many blessings,
Dr. Jimmy Burton



Jim Burton - February 21, 2020 at 09:59 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ramona Margaret Cochran Turman.



February 21, 2020 at 06:40 AM

JA

“ Juanita, so sorry to hear about your sister. Blessings to her family and yours. We were at Oakhurst Elementary and Decatur High together. I lived on Greenwood Place. Jeanine Craig Andrews

Jeanine Craig Andrews - February 20, 2020 at 02:41 PM

ED

“ *Ramona was a beautiful friend at Decatur High School. I came late (junior year) and she took me under her wings and cared for me. Her parents (especially her mom) did the same. She has been on my mind of late and I have missed her the last couple of months. She is in the arms of our Lord now but know you will greatly miss her and live with lovely memories of her and your times together, condolences extend to Don and her boys.*

Ellen Langley Day

Ellen Langley Day - February 18, 2020 at 08:05 PM

JS

“ *Ramona was a wonderful Decatur High classmate and I'm sorry to hear of her passing. What a beautiful life she led, living and giving to others far and near. She is in the arms of our Lord now but know you will greatly miss her and live with lovely memories of her and your times together. Bless you and go with God.*
Jean Haynie Stewart.

Jean Stewart - February 18, 2020 at 03:59 PM

BN

“ *Bart, Yaning, Skylor, Kylee and Liam Newell purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Ramona Margaret Cochran Turman.*



Bart, Yaning, Skylor, Kylee and Liam Newell - February 18, 2020 at 10:39 AM

KK

“ Dear Don and family,

Ramona was very special to her Skyland family and we will dearly miss her. All of the Koppes love Ramona and will always be inspired by her faith, gracious spirit, cheerful personality, and the love she carried in her heart and shared with the world. We wish you peace until that time when you will be reunited with her.

*Blessings to you all,
Kari, Kevin, Olivia, and Genevieve Kopp*

Kari, Kevin, Olivia, Gen Kopp - February 17, 2020 at 08:47 PM



“ Paw Liang purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Ramona Margaret Cochran Turman.



Paw Liang - February 17, 2020 at 03:38 AM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Ramona Margaret Cochran Turman.



February 16, 2020 at 12:35 AM

UB

“ I called her Ibu Turman. She and Pak Turman are my parents' friends. I'll always remember the English lessons we had every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon. How patient she was when teaching me, a little girl who was very shy and spoke just a few words. We had more than just English lessons. She taught me how to bake, knit, and operate the computer. She was always kind, gentle and loving. Rest in peace Ibu. Till we meet again. My prayers are with Pak Turman & family. May God give comfort in this time of grieving.

Ully Bone

Ully Bone - February 14, 2020 at 11:59 PM

MD

“ Dear Rev. Don and family,

We are deeply sorry about the loss of Auntie Ramona. As you grieve, know that we are praying for peace to bring you comfort, courage to face the days ahead...I'll remember Auntie Ramona in many positive ways she blessed us, (hurting and struggling women) of Wesley Methodist Church, Jakarta. She has been a sister and a good friend to me all those years. I remembered those days of her quiet, gentle presence when I was emotionally hurting. You and her having me for meals in your humble Parsonage. We went out together hunting for Batik quilts in the International fairs, enjoying her company even in Medical clinics in Jakarta, and many more fond memories of your gentle, loving spirit. Yes, she has “fought the good fight, she has kept the faith...” We love you, Auntie Ramona. Till we meet again in Jesus' feet. Love, Melinda, Mak, Nasreen, and Samuel

Melinda Khan Doulos - February 14, 2020 at 10:41 AM

KD

“ Oh Don, Sonny and I will be thinking of you and the boys. I have such wonderful memories of Ramona and my early morning rides to the lab. She will missed by all whose lives she touched. ❤️

Kathy and Earl Davis

Kathy Payne- Davis - February 14, 2020 at 03:55 AM



“ Beauty is found in simplicity, that’s my strong memory of you, Auntie Ramona. You love beauty and always appear pretty, fresh, caring and joyful. You stay humble and simple so you both can use what you have to help others. A good missionary role model. I am grateful to have you and Rev Don on my first church assignment in Indonesia. Thank you for your personal attention when we’re living and serving together ... a good co-labourer and a good sister in Christ I am also grateful to have you both present on my graduation day in Asbury Theological Seminary in 2008. I enjoy the spirit of fraternity serving together with you and Rev Turman. Love you A. Ramona. Till we meet again ...

Paw Liang - February 13, 2020 at 08:43 PM

DR

“ Dahlia and Maria Ria purchased the Arrive in Styl e for the family of Ramona Margaret Cochran Turman.



Dahlia and Maria Ria - February 13, 2020 at 12:34 PM

JG

“ I cherish the many times I encountered Ramona when I was with the Skyland church family. Her presence showed the Fruits of the Spirit for me and many others. What a blessing that our paths crossed! May the family know the the hope, faith and love that she showed us during her earthly journey. She is with us forever in God’s eternity. Peace, Joy Grubb

Joy Grubb - February 13, 2020 at 10:31 AM



“ We have lovely memories of dearest Ramona at Wesley Church Medan. She always had a beautiful smile, kind and loving words. Such a gentle spirit and a good example of a godly woman. Loved and missed. Till we meet again in heaven. Carol & Andjur Tarigan.

Carol Lesley - February 13, 2020 at 10:31 AM

MP

“ Auntie Ramona has been an anchor in my spiritual growth when she served in Wesley Methodist Church of Jakarta, altogether with Rev. Don Turman, her beloved husband. She has passion for people and especially children's church (Sunday School ministry). I still remember clearly the day Auntie Ramona approached me, lent her listening ears as my mother went through depression and I have no idea how to help my family in the midst of the struggles. I see her as a motherly figure, a shoulder to cry on, ..a gentle and a quiet spirit, a picture of what a Godly woman should be as written in Proverbs 31. I feel such a deep loss as I heard about her last days. You are greatly missed and I am sure one day we will meet again in Heaven. Face to face. To God Be the Glory! I love you from the bottom of my heart and will treasure our memories. You are at Home now. Happy Valentine's day, Auntie Ramona. Jesus is welcoming you and celebrations of love are with you forever.



Mariana Paulus - February 13, 2020 at 12:30 AM

AG

Yes, amen. God bless Rev. Don Turmans & families

agmaranatha@yahoo.com - February 13, 2020 at 10:03 AM

DA

“ Reverend Don Truman and Ramona serve us at Wesley Methodist Church Medan (Indonesia) in 1994 and visit us several times after that. We call them uncle and auntie since the beginning of their visit and they are always in our heart since then...

It is our pray God's blessings and comfort will be with Rev. Don, Steve, Keith, Cary and all family members especially in this time of sorrow...

*David and Wini
(Wesley Methodist Church Medan - Indonesia)*

David - February 12, 2020 at 11:34 PM

PS

“ Keith, your mother and your family have been in our prayers since learning of her illness. Having lost both our parents, we identify with your gratitude and grief - gratitude for the many ways they blessed you and contributed to the quality of life in this world, and grief that you can no longer enjoy and be blessed by their physical presence. But as you well know there is a sense in which she is still with you through this gift of memory. May that gift and God's Presence richly sustain you as you move on from this difficult experience.
Paul and Judy Starnes

Paul Starnes - February 12, 2020 at 02:01 PM

KM

“ Dear Keith, Chan and Family,
We are so very sorry to hear of the loss of your mother. Please know that you all are in our thoughts and prayers. Please accept our deepest condolences.
Kathleen, Josh, Cecilia, Lance and Fallon Morgan

Kathleen Morgan - February 12, 2020 at 12:14 PM

CY

“ Keith, Cary, and family: We know the pain and loss when our mothers pass on to their eternal resting place. While we didn't have the pleasure of personally knowing your mother, we have no doubt that she was a remarkable woman. We know that because of the remarkable family she raised and nurtured. Our thoughts and prayers are with each of you as you both grieve her loss and celebrate her life.

Cecil & Kathy Yount - February 12, 2020 at 11:45 AM

BP

“ I want to thank Ramona, and her entire family, for so generously including me in a few of her many wonderful adventures across the years. These include exploring volcanoes, navigating sacred temples, sometimes utilizing questionable modes of transportation, hiking mountain trails, and even zip lining through the forest. I will greatly miss Ramona, especially her smile, her wisdom, her grace, her sense of humor, her generosity, her stories, her delicious meals, and time shared at the table with so many friends and family gathered around. What a blessing it was to know and love her all these years! Sending my deepest condolences and sympathy to all of Ramona's family and friends. Thinking especially of Don, Steve, and the entire family with great love and affection.

Bill Pugh - February 12, 2020 at 11:41 AM

TQ

“ Ramona was such a bright spot in your day. She had wisdom, a positive outlook, and concern for all. We will miss her in our small group at Skyland UMC. Terry

Terry Quick - February 12, 2020 at 09:47 AM

KR

“ *Beautiful inside and out! I will miss your kindness, your wisdom and your uplifting spirit!*

Karen Rohrer - February 11, 2020 at 08:30 PM

BC

“ *We have lost a beautiful lady and we send our deepest sympathy to Don and the boys
Wish we could be there but we are in Naples Florida
May your wonderful memories give you comfort in the days ahead
God bless you
Candler and Bertie Cooper*

bertie Cooper - February 11, 2020 at 11:40 AM