



Ruth Toms Earwood

November 8, 1942 - August 27, 2024

Ruth Earwood, 81, of Asheville, NC, died on Tuesday, August 27, 2024. She was born on November 8, 1942, to Charles French Toms, Jr., and Ruth Gudger Toms of Asheville.

Ruth is survived by her husband of 62 years, James “Jim” Earwood, Jr., of Asheville; her son, John Earwood, and his wife, Claire, of Vilas, NC; her daughter, Susan Earwood Cáceres, and her husband, Victor, of Atlanta, GA; and her grandson, Nicolas Cáceres, of Orange, CA.

Ruth graduated from Lee Edwards High School in Asheville in 1961 and attended Woman’s College of the University of North Carolina (UNCG) and UNC Asheville. She and her husband, Jim, lived for several years in Midlothian, VA, where she was a beloved teacher at Salisbury Presbyterian Preschool. Ruth was an active member of Salisbury Presbyterian Church, where she helped with congregational care, sang in the Chancel Choir, and assisted with Joyful Voices, a community chorus for singers with dementia and their caregivers.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, October 5, 2024 at 2:00pm at Salisbury Presbyterian Church in Midlothian, VA. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Ruth’s memory to Joyful Voices Chorus, 13621 W. Salisbury Rd., Midlothian, VA 23113 (www.JoyfulVoicesChorus.org)

or the Asheville Humane Society, 14 Forever Friend Lane, Asheville, NC
28806 (www.ashevillehumane.org).

Tribute Wall

BE

“ Dear Susan, John and Mr. Earwood, I am sorry to read of your mother's passing a few weeks ago. I was wondering about you, Susan, as I am visiting London and have been thinking of our time here together. My thoughts are with you, Nicholas, and Victor.

Bryan Ellison - October 16, 2024 at 07:28 PM

JC

“ Jim, so sorry to hear of Ruth's passing. Libby and I will always remember our times with you both & your family in Roanoke Rapids and Richmond. Ruth was always so gracious. We will never forget her bringing us Ukrops chicken salad and white house rolls the evening we moved into Salisbury back in 1992. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Jim Claypool - September 29, 2024 at 04:53 PM

HA

“ Jim - June and I were very saddened to learn of Ruth's passing. She was a wonderful person. Our prayers are with her, you, and your entire family.

Harold Adams - September 25, 2024 at 08:54 PM

JE

“ Ruth, we will all miss your beautiful smile and loving spirit. I'm so happy to have known you and to have had you in my life. I will love you always. Jan Evans

Jan Evans - September 06, 2024 at 06:57 PM

JG

“ Ruth was a wonderfully happy and loving person. She liked everyone and showed all a warm smile. I will miss her. Jesus is taking care of her now. Blessings to Jim and family. Joanne Carter Gunter

Joanne Carter Gunter - September 03, 2024 at 03:36 PM

BH

“ Jim, I'm so sorry to hear about Ruth's passing. She was such a sweet lady. I always enjoyed talking to her on the phone. She was always so cheerful.
Thinking of you & the Family,
Brenda Herndon

Brenda Herndon - September 03, 2024 at 02:48 PM

JB

“ I am friends with Jimmy's aunt Mary and my memories of Ruth are her welcoming me in their Asheville home for Thanksgiving lunch. Ruth and Jimmy were always so kind to me. May Gods comfort and peace surround the family .

Jenny Bailey - September 01, 2024 at 12:59 AM

VH

“ So sorry to hear of Ruth's passing. She was such a lovely person. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.
Virginia Hart

Virginia M Hart - August 31, 2024 at 09:41 AM

ES

“ So many memories of Ruth and Jimmy, high school, many visits over the years! Ruth was in our wedding in 1966. Booster memories , french club, at Lee Edwards. Bubbly personality and a sweet girl!! She and Jimmy went to most of the reunions. Must get out my annuals and look at all the photos when we were younger!! Emilie and Tom Stevens

Emilie Bostic Stevens - August 30, 2024 at 01:28 PM

JR

“ Jim, so sorry to hear about Ruth. She was an incredible person and you all had a wonderful partnership! You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Jim Rhodes

Jim Rhodes - August 29, 2024 at 09:19 PM

EP

“ So sorry to hear of Mrs. Earwood's passing. You all are in our thoughts and prayers. Cindy & Eddie Pair

Eddie Pair - August 29, 2024 at 09:11 AM

WM

Jim. I am so sorry to lose Ruth. I will always remember working and singing with Ruth at SPC. She was a special person and will have a special place in my heart. I am so sorry for your loss. Bill Muth

William Muth - August 29, 2024 at 04:01 PM

PO

Ruth and I became best friends growing up going to First Baptist Church. We had so many good times going to each others homes for sleepovers. Ruth was as beautiful on the inside as she was beautiful on the outside. I never heard her say an unkind word about anyone. I will always cherish her memory.

Patsy Dillingham O'Donnell - September 01, 2024 at 06:53 PM

KR

Sending healing prayers and comforting hugs. I am so sorry for your loss. Ruth will live on in your heart.

Karen Russell - September 03, 2024 at 01:03 PM

JC

My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.

Jim Corrin - September 28, 2024 at 10:34 AM