



Ruth Caroline Martin

May 19, 1912 - March 1, 2014

Ray, North Dakota

Ruth Caroline Martin, 101, died on March 1, 2014 in Bellingham. She was born in Ray, North Dakota on May 19, 1912, where her father, Ira S. AbPlanalp, was a pioneer doctor. In 1930, Ruth graduated from Williston High School where she played the violin in the orchestra and tennis with her sister, Helen.

Ruth attended Valley City College then taught school for 2 years. She married William Bill Martin in 1934 and they moved to Bellingham in 1939 where Bill worked for the Bellingham Herald. He founded Bellingham Roofing Company in 1952. Ruth graduated in Home Economics from Western Washington College of Education (now WWU) in 1954 and was a substitute teacher in Bellingham.

Ruth has been an active member of the First Congregational Church for over 70 years. She accounted for her longevity to a loving family. She is preceded in death by her husband Bill and son David. She is survived by her daughter Jane Hagen of North Beach, MD, and her son Robert (Eva) Martin of Everett, WA. Ruth had 6 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Farewell Tribute Information

Graveside Service will be held Thursday, March 6, 2014, 2:00 PM at Greenacres Memorial Park, 5700 Northwest Dr., Ferndale, Washington 98248 with Reverend Alan Claasen of First Congregational Church officiating.

Tribute Wall

BB

“ We want to thank everyone who attended her graveside service today at Greenacres Memorial Park. It was inspiring ot have so many people show up to help us hand to over to my dad and my brother who awaited her on the other side. Neighbors from our childhood and loved ones from her live...thank you from us and from her.

Bob and Eva Martin and son Brian - March 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ Dear Family, We enjoyed our relationship with Ruth for over 45 years. We found many things in common and she was there to welcome our first child (who shared her birth date) who was born in 1968. She was a leader in our church and also a dear, caring friend. It was fun to be able to help celebrate her 100th birthday with Ruth and many of you. I left another note on the newspaper site. You have been in our thoughts and can be very proud of her many contributions to the community. She was amazing! The Andersons

Beth and Dick Anderson - March 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

VS

“ Your Mom was a great lady; we enjoyed the time with her and Mildred. Our thoughts & prayers are with the entire family. May the fond memories you all have in your hearts sustain you through these difficult times. Ralph & Vivian

Vivian Ayers - Ralph Simonds - March 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ *Ruth, you were one special lady. Every Sunday you held out your hand for a greeting and a smile. You will be missed sitting in you pew on Sunday mornings.*

Bill and Marijo Fox - March 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ *Dear Jane, Just wanted to tell what a special lady your mother was. I visited her 2-3 times in Nov./Dec. at St Francis when I was visiting a friend of mine. Just happened to see her in the hall. Our deepest sympathies.*

Jerry & Mary Jo Wilson - March 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM