



Ruth Lynch Fleetwood

January 14, 1936 - December 23, 2013

Ruth Fleetwood, 77 years young, died on December 23, 2013 at Prince William County Hospital in Manassas, Virginia.

She was a life-long native of Manassas, born in a home that resided on the very location of the Manassas VRE, on January 14, 1936; one of three children to Martin Lynch and Daisy Walters Lynch. Her marriage to Larry Fleetwood on February 28, 1956, continued for over 52 years until his passing on August 3, 2008.

She was a graduate of the class of 1954 at the original Osbourn High School. She worked for over twenty years at the old Piedmont Federal Savings Bank.

She is survived by a son, Brad Fleetwood and his wife, Janet, and two grandchildren, Sara and Joshua, of Arlington, Virginia; a daughter, Lorna (Joie) Fleetwood and her partner Holly Hart of Auburn, California; a brother, Martin Lynch, of Charlotte, North Carolina; a brother-in-law Bernie Fleetwood and his wife, Jeanie, of San Marco Island, Florida; a sister-in-law, Betsy Fleetwood, of Grand Rapids, Michigan, a sister-in-law Julie Fleetwood Binn of Bellingham, Washington, and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by a sister, Margaret Zingelmann.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, December 26, 2013 from 6:00 PM

to 8:00 PM at Pierce Funeral Home, 9609 Center Street, Manassas, VA. A memorial service will be held on Friday, December 27, 2013 at 11:00 AM at Pierce Funeral Home. Inurnment will be private.

Donations in lieu of flowers may be made to St Jude Children's Research Hospital, c/o P.O. Box 1000, Dept 152, Memphis, TN 38101-9908 or at www.stjude.org. Please send acknowledgement to: Brad Fleetwood, 3627 N. 36th Road, Arlington, VA 22207.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **26**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home
9609 Center St.
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Tribute Wall



Beverly
Calderoni

“ *Brad, Joie, family & friends,
We were so sorry to hear of your loss. Your mom was a wonderful lady. Always enjoyed our luncheons or meeting for dinner when I came to town. She was always smiling or laughing.
I remember helping my dad when he was working on your basement and the parties that were held there after.
Larry & Ruth were a staple to our family. They were part of "Group" of friends that stayed in contact for approx 50 years. Always going places and doing things together. She will be greatly missed by everyone. Our hearts go out to all that knew her.
With deepest sympathies,
Bev (Frame) & Rob Calderoni*

Beverly Calderoni - January 04, 2014 at 11:45 AM

RB

“ *Dear Brad and Joie,
I'm not sure if you remember me or not but I worked at Piedmont with your mom (I think you may worked there at one time too, Joie.... so many people worked there over the years and then their offspring or siblings worked there too...ha!) I worked with Ruth for 15-20 years....we had a group of us women that would socialize together and I was lucky enough to be included...it was an honor! We remained very good friends all these years. She was like my other mother even tho there aren't that many years in between us :) She had such a kind heart and genuinely cared about everyone....it's so hard to put into words what she truly meant to me. I really loved her and will miss her everyday. Love, Roxanne Byrne*

Roxanne Byrne - January 02, 2014 at 02:24 PM

BF

“ *Death is Nothing At All*
(Henry Scott Holland (1847-1918))
*Death is nothing at all,
I have only slipped away into the next room.
I am I, and you are you.
Whatever we were to each other that we still are.
Call me by my old familiar name, speak to me
In that easy way that you always used.
Put no difference in your tone,
Wear no forced air of solemnity or sorrow.
Laugh as we always laughed
At the little jokes we enjoyed together.
Play, smile, think of me,
Let my name be ever be the household word
That it always was.
Let it be spoken without effect,
Without the trace of shadow on it.
Life means all that it ever meant.
It is the same as it ever was;
There is unbroken continuity.
Why should I be out of mind
Because I am out of sight?
I am waiting for you, for an interval,
Somewhere very near,
Just around the corner.
All is well.*

brad fleetwood - December 28, 2013 at 04:21 PM

SC

So beautiful, Brad. Ruth and I always laughed when remembering you performing on stage, believe it was while in Jennie Dean; we never forgot your by-line of "shoot a mile". Love, Shirley and Pete Collins, Parents of Cindy and Sandra.

Shirley and Pete Collins - December 30, 2013 at 03:12 PM

PC

“ To Mrs. Fleetwoods children and grandchildren - I would like to tell you how proud she was of your accomplishments in life and how much you each meant to her. (That was my intention last night, until I got there and it really hit me that she was gone.) I only knew her for a short time while I worked for her, but she made me feel like we had been friends forever. She went to school with my mom and dad and we both knew a lot of the same people. I think we talked as much as I worked, but we were both always remembering different things about olden days to tell each other. I am so blessed that she was my friend for the time we had and there is always a reason god blesses us with those moments. She always had stories to tell me about her wonderful grandchildren and how exceptional her children turned out.

Love to you all, Pattye Crane

Pattye Crane - December 27, 2013 at 06:48 PM



“ My deepest sympathies go out to Joie and Brad for the loss of their sweet Mother Ruth. Sweet is the first thing that comes to mind when thinking of Mrs. Fleetwood. I have known her since I was a little boy, she was our next door neighbor and she was always, always, so nice to me her demeanor never changed. I honestly can say I can't remember a time when she wasn't nice and always took to the time to talk and care about what was going on with me and my family. After 12 years of being out of the area, I remember seeing her at the store and was amazed of how she looked the same, so young. I know it was because the way she approached life with a smile and genuine care for her friends and family. God Bless Mrs. Fleetwood you will be missed.

Darius Barzegar - December 26, 2013 at 04:45 PM

NS

“ *My heart is so sad...I loved Ruth. She was the sweetest lady that I met when Daddy built their house. Over the years we would always run into each other at the grocery store or some other store in town and chat...as we were both good at it! I will miss seeing her around! Prayers and Hugs are with Joie and Brad.*

Nettie Jo Shomate Stevens - December 26, 2013 at 03:48 PM

JC

“ *Dear Fleetwod Famly, I am saddened at Ruth's passing. Practical, Sweet along with Funny, Loving and Understanding come to mind when I think of Ruth. I am glad she was my friend . I will miss her and remember her with love. My deepest sympathy to each of you. May God comfort you in this difficult time. June Chapman*

June Chapman - December 26, 2013 at 12:12 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ruth Lynch Fleetwood.*



December 26, 2013 at 11:08 AM

MM

“ We are so deeply saddened by the loss of Ruth. Our hearts go out to Joie, Brad, and the rest of the family during this very difficult time. Ruth was so much fun to be around. We will always hold dear the wonderful memory of spending time with Ruth, Joie, and Holly the day after Thanksgiving this year sharing stories and laughing until our faces hurt. We considered Ruth not only Joie's mom but also a friend. She will be missed.

Marcie Harris and Kathy Moran

Marcie Harris and Kathy Moran - December 26, 2013 at 10:58 AM

LB

“ We smile at all the wonderful memories we have as old neighbor and friend, but are sadden for Brad, Joie and family for their loss. May God comfort them as they go through this difficult time. We will miss our friend . Luke and Nancy Barzegar

Luke and Nancy Barzegar - December 26, 2013 at 12:02 AM

SC

“ Sympathy to Ruth's entire family, from both of us. Ruth was a very treasured friend for many years. She will obviously be missed by many.



Stanley (Pete) & Shirley Collins - December 25, 2013 at 04:38 AM

BF

“*Brad, I'm so sorry to hear of your Mother's passing. I will always remember her kindness and fun personality. I'll never forget her introducing me to french toast at your house when we were kids. I'm sorry that we can not be there with you as Mom and I are in Florida with family for Christmas.*

Buster Frame

Buster Frame - December 24, 2013 at 08:35 AM