



Martha Carol Ryan

July 18, 2023

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CURRITUCK, NC. RYAN-Martha Carol (Durden) Ryan, age 77, born in Hazlehurst, Georgia on November 21, 1945 and a longtime resident of Daphne, AL., died Tuesday, July 18th 2023, peacefully after a long illness. She graduated from Vigor High School and continued her education at William Cary University, where she earned a Bachelor's Degree in English, and then continued her education at The University of Southern Mississippi, where she earned her Master's Degree. She was a passionate and dedicated English teacher at Fairhope High School for over thirty years, where she also taught the school Drama Club and coordinated many trips to the Alabama Shakespeare Theater. Martha was an avid water skier and often enjoyed shrimping, fishing and spending family time on and along the shores of Bon Secour Bay. Mrs. Ryan loved the Lord and attended service at both Spanish Fort United Methodist Church and Shell Banks Baptist Church, where she frequently played the piano. She is survived by her two sons, William Scott (Carmela) Ryan of Gulf Shores, AL., Joseph Anthony (Kristy) Ryan of Currituck, NC; two granddaughters, Chandler Gra Ryan and Jordan Dale Ryan; five grandsons Seth Fulton Woodfin (Cassie), Gabriel Lee Woodfin, William George Ryan, William Anthony Ryan and Gabriel Joseph Ryan; and one brother, Daniel (Jamie) Durden. She is preceded in death by her parents, Bud and Ruth Durden and her loving husband, William (Bill) Anthony Ryan. The family will receive friends during visitation at Shell Banks Baptist Church

on Monday, July 24th 2023 from 11:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Funeral services will be conducted at 12:00 p.m. with Pastor John Ballard presiding. Graveside services will follow at Shell Banks Baptist Church Cemetery, Fort Morgan Road.

Arrangements are entrusted to Cason Funeral Service in Foley Al

Previous Events

Receive Friends

JUL **24.** 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Shell Banks Church & Cemetery
12125 AL-180
Gulf Shores, AL 36542
(251) 540-7136

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

LB

“*Mrs. Ryan was one my most influential teachers. I loved that she treated all of us like we had something important to contribute to a discussion. She had high expectations of her students, but was always encouraging. I majored in English in college and her class was a big part of what lead me in that direction.*”

Laura Bullock - August 11, 2023 at 04:31 PM

LA

“*Mrs. Ryan was one of the best teachers. As a student of hers, she shared her love of English and brilliant creative spirit with all her students. Sending prayers to her family and friends.*”

Lilah Kulakowski Aita - July 21, 2023 at 09:44 PM



“*Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Martha Carol Ryan.*”



July 21, 2023 at 08:02 PM

EM

“Mrs. Ryan was one of the most influential people in my life...she's the teacher that truly taught me how to write effectively, and she taught me how to speak in public. She challenged me in ways no other teacher ever has. I am grieved to learn of her passing...may her soul, and all souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace; and may light-perpetual shine upon her.



Eddie Matchett - July 21, 2023 at 12:13 PM



“Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Martha Carol Ryan.



July 21, 2023 at 10:51 AM



“Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Martha Carol Ryan.



July 20, 2023 at 04:36 PM

DC

“ It was truly an honor to know Martha the last 15 years. She was a brilliant person with a witty personality. When Joseph married my daughter Kristy, Martha was an extension to our family! She will be missed here in Currituck but knowing she has been reunited with her loved ones who passed before her, is a comfort.

Donna Corbo - July 20, 2023 at 02:43 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Martha Carol Ryan.



July 20, 2023 at 02:35 PM

JA

“ I pray the good Lord keeps his hand over your family. Love y'all.

jake - July 20, 2023 at 02:22 PM