



Marine Blake Ritter

August 15, 1926 - January 18, 2021

Marine Blake Ritter, a resident of the Twin Lakes Community in Burlington, NC, passed away on Monday, January 18. Born at home within the White Oak Mill Village in Greensboro on August 15, 1926, she resided most of her life in Greensboro before moving to Burlington in 2015.

Marine attended Rankin High School and married her school sweetheart (Lairron Ritter) in December of 1945 after his discharge from the United States Marine Corps. They were married for over 71 years before Lairron's death in 2017.

In addition to her husband, Marine was predeceased by her parents (Jake and Kathleen Blake), an infant daughter (Lana Ellen Ritter), and a brother (Harvey Blake, Sr.). She is survived by one son, Joel (Patty) of McLeansville, and three grandchildren, Susan Miciotto (Joe) of Burlington, Matt Ritter (Julie) of Burlington and Rebecca Tavares (Louie) of Shallotte, NC. Also surviving are her four precious great-grandchildren: Brooks, Brady, Emma and Carly.

Marine was a stay-at-home mom until her son started school. At that time, she began working in school nutrition and continued doing so until retiring from Page High School in Greensboro. While at Page, she was well known for her made-from-scratch cinnamon rolls for which she received state-wide recognition.

Marine was a long-time member of Newlyn Street United Methodist Church in Greensboro, remaining active in church events until her health began to deteriorate. She was also a member of Rose Chapter #178 O.E.S.

"Nanny" loved her grandchildren immensely and was proud to share their life's accomplishments with others. The Atlanta Braves and the UNCG Spartans were also close to her heart. She supported UNCG Athletics for many years through membership in the Spartan Club and attending men's basketball games. Marine was a life-long Democrat and always passionate about southern style cooking, often using fatback and butter for seasoning. Being a fiery red-head, she could have written a training manual on being assertive had she wanted to do so.

The family would like to extend special gratitude to Dr. Richard Letvak, and the nurses, aides, and the entire staff at Twin Lakes for their love and care over the last five years. Due to COVID concerns, a private graveside service will be held at Lakeview Memorial

Park in Greensboro. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Marine's name, can be made to the Shriners Hospitals for Children (2900 Rocky Point Dr. Tampa, Florida 33607), Masonic Home for Children @ Oxford (600 College St. Oxford, NC 27565) or the UNCG Spartan Club (PO Box 26168 Greensboro, NC 27402).

Comments



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Marine Blake Ritter.



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“ I grew up knowing Marine and Lairron as my Aunt and Uncle. I attended Page High School and ate in the cafeteria every day. As soon as Aunt Marine saw me coming up the line, she would make sure that I had one of those precious cinnamon rolls, sheet cake or other dessert that she prepared! Always smiling and loving, I can hear her say, “Now come back to see us” as if it was yesterday.

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