



Martha Walker

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Martha Mae Isenhour Walker, of Greensboro, North Carolina, died on the 10th day of May, 2019.

A memorial will be held Friday, May 17th at 12pm at First Lutheran Church, 3600 W. Friendly Avenue in Greensboro. Friends and family are invited to join the family for a celebration of Martha's life immediately following the memorial in the fellowship hall of the church.

Martha Mae Isenhour Walker was born at home on May 5, 1932, in Cherryville, North Carolina, the tenth of eleven children of Rev. Walter Edison Isenhour and Willie Rhyne Fraley Isenhour. When Walter "Dadoo" Isenhour and Willie "Mom" Isenhour married, both of their first spouses had died leaving them with four children each. From their marriage, they had three girls, and Martha was the middle child. Early in her childhood, the family moved to Hiddenite, North Carolina, and as a teenager they moved to High Point, North Carolina.

Growing up in the Great Depression as the children of a Wesleyan Methodist minister, Martha and her brothers and sisters told many stories of sleeping multiple kids to a bed, attending camp meetings, living without electricity or indoor plumbing. They talked often of their family friends, the Martins and the Paynes. They picked and canned blackberries and her sister, Dee Dee, was fond of saying, "I was sixteen years old before I knew teeth weren't blue and didn't have seeds in them."

At Jamestown High School, Martha played basketball and a newspaper article said she "always proved to be a thorn in the sides of the opposing team." She graduated from high school in 1950, and moved to Charlotte, where she lived with her sister, Dee Dee, and beloved nephew, Chuck.

Martha met Perry Napoleon Walker while he was on leave from the Korean War. They married June 5, 1954 and were married for 55 years until his death in 2009. They had four children--James Mark, Monty, Mary, and Kathryn.

Everyone who knew Martha knew of her deep and profound faith, and her kids remember her doing daily devotions every morning. Her church, First Lutheran, was central to her life where she was involved with the Mary Martha Circle. In addition, she was committed to Al-Anon and started the Campus Al-Anon group at UNC-Greensboro in the early 80s. She attended her home group at First Lutheran for many years. She cherished and adored her seven grandchildren-- Logan, Sali Rae, Jeremy, Liam, Elijah, Edie, and Frances--and was looking forward to meeting her great-granddaughter, Niko.

For twelve years, Martha lived with her daughter, Mary, son-in-law, Philip, and grandchildren, Sali and Elijah. In the last two months of her life, she moved to Kerner Ridge in Kernersville, NC where she got to room with her older sister, Rebecca Church. She is preceded in death by her parents, Walter Edison Isenhour and Willie Rhyne Fraley Isenhour; her husband, Perry Napoleon Walker; her brothers, Harry Fraley, John "Buck" Fraley, Dwight Isenhour, Walter "Tookey" Isenhour, and Fred Isenhour; her sisters, Lillian "Dee Dee" Long and Carolyn Hogan; and her nieces, Carolyn "Sam" Hogan and Pat Hogan who were like daughters to her. She is survived by her sisters, Edith Dickerson, of Winston-Salem, NC; Rebecca Church, of High Point/Kernersville, NC; Lois Fincher, of Galax, VA; her son, James Mark Walker, of Stokesdale; her son, Perry Montgomery "Monty" Walker and wife, Sarah, of Whitefish, MT; her daughter, Mary Martha Walker and husband, Philip Haigh, of Greensboro; and her daughter, Kathryn Frances Walker and husband, J. B. Weir, of Roswell, GA. She is also survived by four grandsons, Logan Walker of Selma, Oregon, Jeremy Walker of Bozeman, MT, Liam Walker of Whitefish, MT, and Elijah Walker-Haigh of Greensboro; three granddaughters, Sali Rae Weigelt of Greensboro; and Edie and Frances Weir of Roswell, GA, as well as many beloved and cherished nieces and nephews.

We are grateful to the many relatives and friends who have shown us love and support, including the entire Isenhour, Fraley, and Walker clans, the many dear friends--particularly Carol Campbell, Margie Haines, Ed and Barbara Travis, Robin Mykytyn, Cindy Boehling, and Robin May--and the many friends from both First Lutheran Church and Al-Anon.

The family is most grateful to Hospice and Palliative Care of Greensboro, both at home and at Beacon Place, where Martha was allowed to rest peacefully surrounded by people she loved.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Martha's memory to Hospice and Palliative Care of Greensboro, the Interactive Resource Center, and First Lutheran Church.

Martha will be missed by all who felt her loving kindness.

Events

MAY **Memorial Service** 12:00PM

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First Lutheran Church

3600 West Friendly Ave., Greensboro, NC, US, 27410

MAY **Receiving friends following the service at**

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Comments



“ Thank you for sharing your experience, strength and hope, Martha. You will be missed!

Carol B.

Carol B. - May 17 at 10:28 AM



“ Martha was one of a kind, a positive light and a truly wonderful and giving person. She did so much for so many. She and Perry were true friends to our family. She will be truly missed! Our sincerest condolences to all of you. Alan and Nancy (Short) Ferguson

Nancy Ferguson - May 16 at 05:12 AM



“ I had the privilege of meeting Martha when she came to Kernersville Ridge and briefly shared a room with my aunt before joining her sister in her room. However , she shared her beautiful, serene smile with me every time I saw her. The last thing Martha said to me the last time I saw her was, "I love you". I feel so blessed to have met her and extend my deepest sympathy to her family. God bless and comfort you.

Nancy Pegram - May 15 at 07:53 PM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Martha Walker.



May 15 at 04:47 PM



“ Martha and Perry were friends of Lloyd (deceased) and me many years ago; I worked in Perry's FIRST Law office briefly - back in the 1950's and 1960's we did Jaycee events and enjoyed life. She was a beautiful, loving friend whom I will never forget. Her laugh was infectious The photo you show was her getting dressed for a Jaycee Follies dance routine. God bless the Walker family. Barbara Collins Golding, Reidsville, NC.

Barbara Collins Golding - May 14 at 10:02 AM



“ Martha Peeples lit a candle in memory of Martha Walker



Martha Peeples - May 13 at 08:17 PM



“ Thank you, Mom Walker, for the happy memories you gave me, and for making me feel always at home.

Martha Peeples - May 13 at 08:21 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Martha Walker.



May 13 at 04:21 PM



“ Joe Trippodo lit a candle in memory of Martha Walker



Joe Trippodo - May 13 at 03:47 PM