



Ruth Fahl

January 17, 1928 - August 26, 2015

Mrs. Ruth Amaryllis Helfer Fahl, age 87, passed away peacefully Tuesday, August 26, 2015. Celebration of Life services will be held at St. George Catholic Church on Roscoe Road, Newnan, Ga., on Monday, August 31, 2015 at 11 AM. Burial will follow at Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Newnan, Ga. The family will receive friends at McKoon Funeral Home, 38 Jackson St., Newnan, Ga., on Sunday, August 30, 2015 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Recitation of the Rosary at 7:30 p.m. Mrs. Fahl was preceded in death by her loving husband of 58 years, Edmund Fahl, and her parents, Leopold and Marion Helfer of Gastonia, NC. She is survived by her daughters Lisel Perselay, Brigitte Gregg and Gretchen Alexander; her son, Edmund Fahl, III; grandchildren, Robert Nix IV, Stephanie Richards, Kelsey and Ashley Perselay; great-grandchildren, Ryleigh Nix, Robert Nix V and Izabell Richards; sister, Patsy Splawn; brother, Leo Helfer. Mrs. Fahl was born in Gastonia, NC, in 1928. She went to boarding school and subsequently graduated from Sacred Heart Academy in Belmont, NC. Upon graduation she was a nurse for a short time as well as a telephone operator; as a hobby she played in the first semipro women's basketball team in Gastonia. She married in 1950, moved to Decatur, Ga., took time off to raise her four children, and returned to Southern Bell as a supervising manager in Operator Services and Construction. The family moved to Newnan in 1971 and as a Construction Supervisor, Ruth was actually in charge of laying the first fiber optic cable in Coweta County; she retired in 1991 with 30 years service. Ruth loved to dance and party, but her

passion was always her garden and her membership in and leadership of the Coweta County Master Gardener's Association since 1986. She loved to teach about plants and was known for sharing her plants. Mrs. Fahl's garden was included on numerous garden tours and it was considered for a feature article in Southern Living. As down to earth as she was and a friend to all rich or poor, Ruth's heritage dates to 1438 in Bavaria, Germany, where the remains of her family's castle overlook the village of Burglengenfeld. The coat of arms her father carried with him to America in 1907, as a means of introduction, still hangs in the family home in Newnan. Mrs. Fahl passed away peacefully at Clemson Downs, Clemson, SC. The family wishes to extend their gratitude to Home Helpers®, especially Quiyonna Wyatt and Montice Monroe, who lovingly cared for her for 4 months in her home; also to the Affinis Hospice Palliative Care Unit for their support, and lastly to the entire staff of Clemson Downs, and Providence Hospice, who lovingly cared for her in her final days. Condolences may be sent to the family online at www.mckoon.com.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory (770) 253-4580

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Memorial Park

656 Roscoe Road
Newnan, GA 30263

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 30. 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263
(770) 253-4580
care@mckoon.com

Service

AUG 31. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. George Catholic Church
771 Roscoe Rd
Newnan, GA 30263

Tribute Wall

AH

“ *Mrs. Ruth will be GREATLY missed by her CharterBank family.*

Angela Reid Hudson - August 31, 2015 at 10:34 AM

MC

“ *Dear Ruth's family, I loved Ruth, and we became friends through the Master Gardeners! She and I were telephone pals! She would call me to keep me informed about ALL that the Master Gardeners were doing! She would describe the trips that they were offering! I wish that I could have joined her on one. I did get to see her garden! It was beautiful--like Ruth!*

Martha Lee Child - August 28, 2015 at 10:14 PM

BM

“ *To the Family, may God comfort you during this time of sorrow.*

Beverly & James Maddox - August 28, 2015 at 09:40 AM

HL

“ *Ruth dedicated herself graciously to be my RCIA sponsor when I converted to Catholicism a few years ago. She'd lovingly share her time, experience and love of her faith with me. She will always be in my heart! My sincere condolences to her family.*

Holly Lewis - August 27, 2015 at 10:27 AM