



## Ruth Sterling Ryals

July 10, 2009

Ruth Sterling Ryals went to be with God on July 10, 2009. Ruth was born July 9, 1924 in Portsmouth, Virginia to William Sterling and Valeria Perkins. She graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School in 1942. She continued her education at Norfolk Business College obtaining a two-year business degree.

She met her husband John Ryals through a mutual friend. They were wed August 1, 1944 in her parents' Parkview home by her minister at Parkview Baptist Church.

Ruth worked for the Portsmouth Gas Company as head of collections for nineteen years. She volunteered for the March of Dimes and Muscular Dystrophy raising funds for research. She was active in the PTA while her children attended school and she was a Sunday school teacher at Park View Baptist. She loved life, loved her children, and was the best mother in the world. We were so blessed to have a wonderful treasure, our sweet mom.

Mrs. Ryals was predeceased by her husband, John William Ryals. She is survived by her daughter, Sharon Ryals-Taylor and her husband Charles of Va. Beach, a son Richard Sterling Ryals and his wife Lisa of Merritt Island, Fla. and a son David Glenn Ryals of St. Thomas, VI. Her eight grandchildren are Sean Ryals, Collin Ryals, Brandon Ryals, Brett Nary, Drew Nary, Jacquelyn and her husband Tyler Anthony, Charles Taylor, IV, and Kathryn

Pankey and her husband James. Her two great-grandchildren are Kevin and Kaitlin Newcomb.

The family sincerely thanks the wonderful ladies at the Atlantic Shores Harbourway Memory Unit for all of their love, caring and support.

Visitation will be from 6-7 PM on Tuesday, July 14th at Loving Funeral Home at 3225 Academy Avenue in Portsmouth. A funeral service will be held at 2:00 PM on Friday, July 17th at Loving Funeral Home. Burial will be at Oak Grove Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Park View Baptist Church at 225 Hatton Street, Portsmouth, VA 23704 or the American Heart Association at 500 Plume Street East, Norfolk, VA 23510.

# Tribute Wall



“ I met Mrs. Ryals when I was a high school senior and worked at Commonwealth Gas Services part time. Mrs Ryals was such a classy sweet and kind person, and boy could she dress she welcomed me with open arms and continued to help and advise me as I worked with her. Her guidance helped me even when she retired and I remained another 16 years. My prayers go out to your family and may God continue to bless you.##imported-begin##Yelonda Rodgers-Wilson##imported-end##

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