



Ruth Harris

January 11, 1928 - September 29, 2011

Obituary of Ruth Harris

Ruth Loraine Harris, 84 of Leesburg, Florida, was born on January 11, 1928, in Georgetown, Washington, DC, and peacefully passed onto our heavenly Father on Thursday, September 29, 2011, in Leesburg, Florida. Ruth moved to Leesburg, Florida, 16 years ago with her sister Nancy Finn. Ruth spent the majority of her life in Arlington, Virginia, where she retired from the Arlington County School System after 35 years of service as a devoted elementary school teacher. Ruth's passion and enjoyment were children and making a difference in their lives. Whether it was those she taught in her classroom or her own nieces and nephews. Ruth was a lifelong member of Alpha Delta Kappa (national teachers sorority), member of the Order of Eastern Star Arlington, Virginia, and lifelong member of Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority Chapter at James Madison College (James Madison University) where she graduated in 1950 with her teachers certificate. She later returned to James Madison for graduate school. Ruth was very proud of James Madison University, enjoyed visits to her alma mater and set up an endowment fund for students going into early education. Ruth is survived by her sister Nancy Finn; nieces Lori Finn and Bonnie Field (Chip); Great nieces and nephews Valerie Bright (Jayson), Jason Fertig (Stephanie), Ross Bednar, Alex and Emily Field; and Great Great Nephews Joseph and Jonathan Bright.

Ruth will be laid to rest with her family at Columbia Gardens Cemetery, Arlington, VA.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made in her memory to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or on their website www.stjude.org.

Interment

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Memorial Donations

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