



Ruth M. Groover

October 2, 1924 - July 12, 2019

An organizer and leader, Ruth M. Groover was a gifted and energetic Christian woman. Her last salaried position was serving part-time as pianist at Brooks Christian Church. After eight years of playing the piano at that church, she retired for the last time in 2011. Prior to that time, she had retired on at least a couple of occasions only to find new opportunities. Whether salaried or working as a volunteer, Ruth was a church musician since the days of her youth. Even prior to her teenage years, she often sang in evangelistic services led by her father, Ernest Miller. For many years she played the piano for meetings of the Western District Missionary Society and for various services at Christian City. For a number of years in her late 80s, she was pianist for evening services at Lester Road Christian Church.

For nearly six decades, Ruth and her late husband, Charles, were partners in ministry. Ruth devoted many years of her life to Christian City, serving with that organization for six years as a trustee. While a trustee, she chaired a committee laying the groundwork for the convalescent home. She later served as administrator of the children's division. She concluded her work in this role in order to devote three years to caring for her aging mother. Ruth returned to Christian City as a development officer and finally as secretary to Bob Crutchfield, who was then president and CEO. She worked as a volunteer with Christian City, Point University, and other church-related and community organizations. She worked as a substitute teacher in public schools for many years. Ruth was a three-time PTA president and played a part in establishing the Georgia Christian Women's Retreat and a retreat for seniors. She found it difficult simply to look on from the sidelines. Born on a farm near Statham, Georgia, on October 2, 1924, Ruth was the second child of Ernest and Ila Miller. Ruth moved with her parents and her older brother, Roy, to East Point in 1928. Ernest, who was to serve as a minister for well over fifty years, became a student when Atlanta Christian College was established and opened its doors on a farm near East Point in that year. Ruth and Roy followed in their father's footsteps when they enrolled in the 1940s. Ultimately, approximately 25 people related to Ernest received part or all of their college education in the institution (now Point University in West Point). One of those 25 was Charles Groover, whom Ruth met when they were students on the East Point campus.

Charles and Ruth were the parents of two sons, Ralph Edwin and Joseph Richard, both of whom survived their mother. Charles died in December 2003, after living nearly a year in the convalescent center at Christian City. Ruth was also preceded in death by her daughter-in-law, Belinda Groover and is survived by a daughter-in-law, Brenda, six grandchildren, and six great grandchildren. Ruth was known for her abiding love for and commitment to her family.

Beginning in 2015, Ruth, who worked so diligently for Christian City through the years, was provided for in amazing ways by the staff of that organization. Initially she entered the daycare program. She became a full-time resident of Friendship Place at Christian City in May of 2016.

Funeral services will be held Sunday, July 14, 2019 at 2 o'clock at the Welcome Center at Christian City with Min. Craig Kingston, Min. Paul Leslie and Min. Bob Tyler officiating. Interment to follow at Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers those desiring may make donations to Christian City, 7300 Lester Road, Union City, GA 30291 or Southwest Christian Care, 7255 Lester Road, Union City, GA 30291. The family will receive friends Saturday evening from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. at Parrott Funeral Home and Crematory. 770-964-4800.

Cemetery

Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens
5755 Mallory Road
College Park, GA, 30349

Events

- JUL 13 Visitation 05:00PM - 07:00PM**
Parrott Funeral Home & Crematory
8355 Senoia Road, Fairburn, GA, US, 30213
- JUL 14 Funeral Service 02:00PM**
Christian City Welcome Center Chapel
7345 Red Oak Rd, Union City, GA, US, 30291

Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Parrott Funeral Home - July 14, 2019 at 01:35 PM



“ Beautiful life. Loved Mrs Groover! SHARON Hall Fain Christian City child 1974-1984

Sharon Hall Fain - July 14, 2019 at 03:55 PM



“ Beautiful tribute to a lovely Christian lady. She will be remembered.

Mamie Brooks Harper - July 14, 2019 at 06:19 PM



“ Wonder Christian lady who loved her Lord and family beyond measure. Always had a smile on her face and was a joy to be around.

Charles and Sandy Burke - July 14, 2019 at 07:32 PM



“ When I think of Mom, the first words that come to mind are, putting Christ first.
Mom was a Christian first before anything else.
Mom was first to sing others praises, and recognize their talents.
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Mom was first to look for the positive.
Mom was first to speak words of wisdom, and pray for those who needed prayer.
Mom was first to deny herself in order to help others.
Mom was first to offer reconciliation and forgiveness.
Mom was first to volunteer for difficult circumstances, and to apply organization
where there was chaos.
Mom was first to see a plan of action when there was indecision, and push for a just
cause.
Mom was first to compliment achievement.
Mom was first to establish relationships when stress was prevalent, and interject
calm when there was emotional upheaval.
Mom was first to admit her lack of perfection, and attempted to walk humbly toward
God’s path.
Mom was last to let you down, and the first to pick you up with her steadfast loyalty.
Christ responded to His apostles who asked who would be first in His kingdom by
saying, “The greatest among you will be the servant of all.” He also said, “The first
will be last, and the last will be first.”
My mom did her best to be the servant of all.
It has been said, “The famous are rarely significant while the significant are rarely
famous.” Mom was very significant.
Mom, I love you and will see you on the other side. Please be the first to greet me
there.

J. Groover

J.Groover - August 01, 2019 at 02:56 PM



“ I remember a story that my mother, Helen Sizemore related, that many years ago when Ruth was very ill, she kept asking for paper and pen. Of course, rational minds ignored the insistent request but later, Ruth explained that she could hear heavenly music and wanted to write it down. I have never disbelieved that early on, she heard what we will hear later!
She was a magnificent and godly woman!
Eddie, my respect for your parents is an integral party of my own family history.
Best, Lynnell

Lynnell Goacher - July 16, 2019 at 10:06 PM



“ 48 files added to the album LifeTributes



Parrott Funeral Home - July 14, 2019 at 12:16 PM



“ When we think of Ruth Groover, the word that comes to mind is "lady". She truly was a lady in every way. Careful in her choice of words, mindful of the wishes of others, ready to smile and put aside her preferences for the sake of others. She was gentle and considerate whenever we were around her, never wanting to inconvenience or harm in word or deed. We thank the Lord for her beautiful witness and pray her family will find comfort in her love for the Lord and faithfulness to Him.

~Steve and Kathy Hooks

Katherine Ann Hooks - July 14, 2019 at 09:21 AM



“ Southwest Christian Care lit a candle in memory of Ruth M. Groover



Southwest Christian Care - July 12, 2019 at 09:36 PM



“ My sweet Aunt Ruth. I looked up to her as the epitome of talent, intelligence, class, faithfulness, and strength. She was amazing to me. ❤️ I am praying for Eddie, Joe, and all the family. It is precious to know she is home.

Amanda Bennett - July 12, 2019 at 08:14 PM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Ruth M. Groover.



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“ Mrs. Groover was my mentor during my junior high and high school days while attending Austell Christian Church in the 1960's and 70's. She encouraged me to develop my love for music, teaching, and public speaking. As the perfect example of poise and grace, she challenged me to grow as a leader and a Christian woman. I am forever grateful to this beautiful lady.

With love and appreciation,
Janie Anderson Buchanan, Madison, GA

Janie Anderson Buchanan - July 12, 2019 at 06:38 PM



“ Ruth was first class Southern lady, was blessed to have our lives cross.

Danny Shelton - July 14, 2019 at 02:06 PM



“ Jonathan, Amanda, Carson and Chandler Bennett purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ruth M. Groover.



Jonathan, Amanda, Carson and Chandler Bennett - July 12, 2019 at 01:24 PM