



## Mary Peters Rutland

July 11, 1946 - July 23, 2024

Mary Peters Rutland, 78, passed away peacefully in her home on July 23rd.

She was born on

July 11, 1946 in Chicago, Illinois to John and Jewell Peters. On June 14, 1969 she married Dr.

Harry M. Rutland Jr. They were married for 46 years before Harry passed away on June 21, 2015.

Mary grew up in Birmingham, AL where she graduated from Woodlawn High School and later

graduated from The University of Alabama. She then moved to Marshall County where she

started her teaching career at Carlisle Park Middle School. After teaching for a few years, Mary

became a homemaker and mother.

Mary was an active member of Guntersville First Presbyterian Church where she taught Sunday

School and served in many leadership positions and ministries. She was also a longtime

member of the King's Mountain Chapter of the DAR. She was involved in many clubs and

community organizations in Guntersville.

She treasured time spent with family and especially her time spent as "May" to

her 3

grandchildren.

She is survived by her sons, Dr. John G. Rutland (Kelli) of Guntersville and Dr. Harry M. Rutland

III (Kara) of Alpharetta, GA; a daughter Leanne Rutland Bugg (Ben) of Opelika, AL; and 3

grandchildren, Brady and Ella Rutland and Mary Caroline Bugg. She is also survived by 2

brothers, Edwin Hoyt Peters (Marsha) of Pulaski, TN and Owen Massey Peters (Lois) of

Guntersville, AL; a sister Jean Peters Harwell (Tommy) of Livingston, AL, sister in law, Florence

Peters of Alabaster, AL. and many nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her

brother William Elliott Peters.

The funeral will be held July 27th at Guntersville First Presbyterian Church with Dr. Joel

Samuels officiating. Ms. Rutland will be buried in Crestview Cemetery. The family suggests

memorials be made to Shepherd's Cove Hospice or The Presbyterian Children's Home.

# Cemetery Details

## Crestview Cemetery

Guntersville, AL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 27. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church  
901 Gunter Ave.  
Guntersville, AL 35976  
(256) 582-3875

## Funeral Service

JUL 27. 1:00 PM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church of Guntersville  
Guntersville, AL

# Tribute Wall

AB

“ *Dr.Rutland we are so sorry to hear of such a great loss to your family.* ”



Audrey& Phil Brow - July 29, 2024 at 01:53 PM

DP

“ *Condolences to the family. Mary was a wonderful friend, classmate at Woodlawn High School, and member of our reunion committee.* ”

Don Parker - July 27, 2024 at 09:46 AM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Mary Peters Rutland.* ”



July 26, 2024 at 02:40 PM

JF

“ *Jimmy Kennamer and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Peters Rutland.* ”

Jimmy Kennamer and Family - July 26, 2024 at 02:40 PM

CJ

“ Chuck and Julie Jones purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mary Peters Rutland.



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**Chuck and Julie Jones** - July 26, 2024 at 01:02 PM

AP

“ Alice and Jimmy Phillips planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Peters Rutland.

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**Alice and Jimmy Phillips** - July 26, 2024 at 11:48 AM

AP

“ Alice and Jimmy Phillips purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Mary Peters Rutland.



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**Alice and Jimmy Phillips** - July 26, 2024 at 11:48 AM

TF

“ The Thackerson Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Peters Rutland.

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**The Thackerson Family** - July 26, 2024 at 11:14 AM

TF

“ *The Thackerson Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mary Peters Rutland.*



**The Thackerson Family** - July 26, 2024 at 11:14 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mary Peters Rutland.*



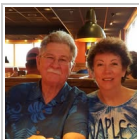
July 26, 2024 at 11:11 AM

YC

“ *Your Tillotson cousins purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Mary Peters Rutland.*



**Your Tillotson cousins** - July 26, 2024 at 12:34 AM



“ *I moved across the street from Mary when I was 5 years old and she was 6. We were neighbors until We graduated high school. I spent many happy days playing with her and her siblings. We reconnected several years ago and shared many happy memories with her, Owen and Jean. We always laughed so much. I know she will be greatly missed. She has joined Harry and her parents, and Bill. I was blessed to have known her. I pray for peace for her family.*

**Linda Dell** - July 25, 2024 at 08:33 AM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Mary Peters Rutland.*



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July 24, 2024 at 09:27 PM