



Clara Ruth Parke

September 20, 1934 - February 5, 2014

Clara Ruth (Patterson) Parke, 79, of Douglassville, passed away on Wednesday, February 5, 2014, in the Chester County Hospital. She was the wife of the late Donald Louis Parke. Born in Clarksville, TN, she was a daughter of the late John Wesley and Anna Blake (Darnell) Patterson.

Mrs. Parke had been employed as Children's Director of the Methodist Conference in Kentucky from 1958-1960 and then also for the New Jersey Conference. She was a first grade teacher for over 30 years at the French Creek Elementary School. She then tutored and also evaluated home schooled children.

Mrs. Parke was a voracious reader and even read story time to neighboring church children at her retirement community in Douglassville. Ruth ran a white elephant sale at French Creek Elementary for many years, but never included her fine collection of over 100 elephants. She was a member of the Coventryville United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Parke is survived by her son, Louis Parke, of Cape Cod, Mass and twelve nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her siblings, Edna Hadden, Mary Jewel Davidson, Mattie Mae Patterson, James Wesley Patterson, Clarence Rudolph Patterson, Verda Louise Napier and Mildred Alice Taylor.

A memorial service will be held on Tuesday evening, February 11, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. at the Coventryville United Methodist Church, 1521 Old Ridge Road, Pottstown, PA. Officiating will be the Rev. Rick L. Hostetter. Interment will be held privately at the convenience of the family. Arrangements are being handled by the Cattermole-Klotzbach Funeral Home. Condolences may be offered online at www.RoyersfordFuneralHome.com.

Previous Events

Service

FEB 11. 6:00 PM (ET)

Coventryville Cemetery
1521 Old Ridge Road
Pottstown, PA 19465

Tribute Wall

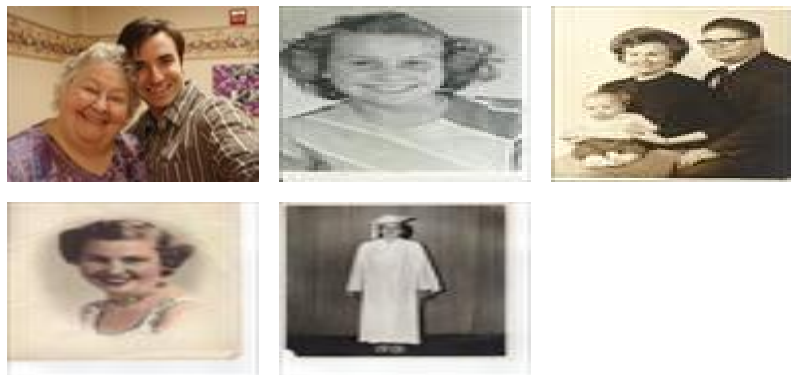
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“ We are so sorry for your loss but you know she isn't gone forever and she and your Mom will watch over you together from now on.

Rosemary & Earle Williamson - February 10, 2014 at 02:52 PM

Janice Kelsey

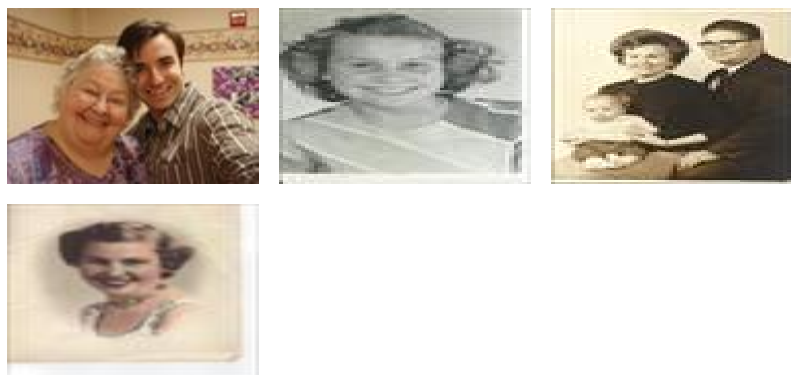
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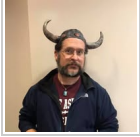
Janice Kelsey - February 09, 2014 at 07:26 PM

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Janice Kelsey - February 09, 2014 at 07:24 PM



“ *I did not know Mrs. Parke, but if the content of a person's character is measured by their children, she must have been a wonderful woman. Condolences go out to all of the family, especially her son Louis.*

Travis Foster

Travis Foster - February 09, 2014 at 06:13 PM

HH

“ *Always, always greetings with a smile, hug and kiss. A happy and loving lady who was willing to help in anyway she could. She will be missed! Love you. My sympathy to her son, Louis.*

Holly Ham - February 09, 2014 at 05:54 PM

AB

“ *Louis,*

My deepest sympathy to you and your whole family. I am very sorry to hear about the loss of your mother. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your whole family during this sad time. I'm here if you need me.



Andrew Broughton - February 09, 2014 at 05:07 PM

MD

“ *Ruth's contributions to the students of OJR and her dedication to the REA are still appreciated today.*

*Our sincere condolences,
The Roberts Education Association*

Mark DeFusco - February 09, 2014 at 05:07 PM



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Deb Moschkin - February 09, 2014 at 02:57 PM



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Debbie Moschkin - February 09, 2014 at 02:56 PM



Donald L. Parke, my uncle and one of the finest individuals I have ever in my life known, aside from his wife, Ruth, who was my mother's youngest sister.

Deb Moschkin - February 09, 2014 at 03:01 PM



yep there is Mr. Parke . great guy and learned so much about working

Jerry Mullin - February 09, 2014 at 07:25 PM



“ *Janice Kelsey lit a candle in memory of Clara Ruth Parke*



Janice Kelsey - February 09, 2014 at 08:52 AM



I love you Ruthie, you were the mom to me that my own wasn't able to be. Thank you for "grandmothering" my children.

Janice Kelsey - February 09, 2014 at 08:54 AM



Thank you, Janice, for being such a wonderful friend to us all!

Deb Moschkin - February 09, 2014 at 03:26 PM



“ Mrs Parke was my 1st grade teacher . She was also a neighbor in Pughtown. Her son Louis and I were school friends and both worked for his dad at the camp. She was a very nice woman and kind. She was also a great teacher .Im sad to see she has passed . God bless her and her family

Jerry Macmullin and family

Jerry Mullin - February 09, 2014 at 08:24 AM



Hey Jer I am down here now can we get together? Louis. Will you come to the service tuesday 6pm Coventryville?

Louis Parke - February 09, 2014 at 04:45 PM

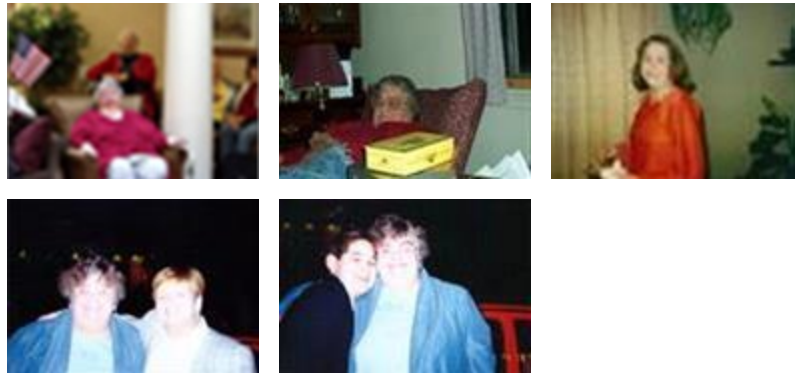


im gonna try to go

Jerry Mullin - February 09, 2014 at 07:31 PM



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Deb Moschkin - February 08, 2014 at 09:44 PM



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Deb Moschkin - February 08, 2014 at 09:38 PM



“ Ruth was a wonderful lady who loved to help others, including my mom and her cousins. My mom, Mary Jo Norman always spoke highly of her, and our family will cherish her memory forever.

Chuck Norman - February 08, 2014 at 07:28 PM

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Chuck Norman - February 08, 2014 at 07:23 PM

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“ *As a former teacher aide at French Creek Elementary School, I worked with Mrs. Parke. I will not forget her outgoing personality, laughter, and her love for her students. She was an inspiration to me.*

Cindy Coots

Cindy Coots - February 08, 2014 at 08:58 AM