



## Dorothy Rutter

October 24, 1920 - February 18, 2013

Dorothy Mae (Carter) Rutter, age 92, wife of the late Morris W. Rutter, Jr. of King of Prussia, PA, died Monday morning, February 18, 2013 in her home. Born at home, in the Chandler's Place, a rented house, in Semora, N. C., she graduated from the eleventh grade, the final year of public schooling for children in 1939, from the Archibald Murphye High School in Milton, N.C. A year later, she completed her studies at the McClung's Business School in Greenboro, N.C. and earned a Secretarial Certificate. While employed at General Electric, she was presented with the NASA Life Sciences Flight Experiments Program Award in 1985 and honored for her many cost cutting ideas to the company. Mrs. Rutter retired as a Disbursement Clerk for the General Electric Company in King of Prussia in 1990 after 20 years of service. Throughout her life, she believed in God and her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. She was a very active and the oldest living founding member of the Valley Forge Baptist Temple, established in 1984. Mrs. Rutter was preceded in death by her husband in 1995 and her oldest son in 2002. She is survived by her two other sons, two daughters, twelve grandchildren, sixteen great grandchildren and 1 great great grand daughter. Mrs. Rutter was the oldest of 10 children of the late Jasper T. Carter and Annie (Rogers) Carter of Semora, N.C. Two of her brothers and two sisters preceded her in death. She is survived by two brothers and three younger sisters, numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, as well, as great nieces and great nephews. Everyone loved her and will miss her dearly. Long before the Women's Liberation

Movement, she worked outside of her home while caring for her family. Born and raised in the south, she was a true rebel. She stood up for what she thought was right. She spoke her mind. She was married for 54 years until the death of her beloved husband, Morris. They provided their five children with strong male and female role models. Love kept their family unit together throughout all of the relocations in the United States and abroad that the military imposed upon the family during Mr. Rutter's 20 years with the U.S. Air Force. During World War II and the Korean War, Mrs. Rutter solely shouldered all the family responsibilities on the home front. After the death of her husband, Mrs. Rutter was torn between wanting to be on earth with her loved ones and going to heaven to be with her late husband. Now, according to God's Plan for their lives, her surviving loved ones are comforted by their joyful reunion. Relatives and friends are invited to attend the Memorial Service at the Valley Forge Baptist Temple, 616 S Trappe Road, Collegeville, PA 19426 on Saturday, February 23, 2013 at 4 p.m. Friends will be received from 3:00 - 4:00 PM. Burial will be held in the Indiantown Gap National Cemetery on Monday, February 25, 2013 at 10 a.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made in her name to the Missionary work of the Valley Forge Baptist Temple at the above address. Condolences may be made by visiting the guest book at [www.RoyersfordFuneralHome.com](http://www.RoyersfordFuneralHome.com). The Cattermole-Klotzbach Funeral Home, 600 Washington Street, Royersford, PA is in charge of the arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

LH

“ *Grandma, you were a beautiful woman that taught me how to live and how to love. I aspire to be the woman everyone knew you to be. I will forever miss you. Your granddaughter, Lori*

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**Lori Hansard** - July 19, 2013 at 08:34 AM

RE

“ *Mom and Dad - Sorry It took so long to post a photo - but I know both of you always liked this photo. Together Again Always and Forever is your caption for your photo ! Love Always - miss you too much - Reese*

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**Reese** - July 19, 2013 at 08:34 AM

LA

“Dad's winged messenger is a hummingbird. Allen's winged messenger is a dragonfly. I know that you will let me know what your winged messenger will be when I come to visit you at your grave. I look forward to it. Each time that I will see it, I will feel your love for me with a hug, kiss and an "I love you" because I know that love never dies. You will live on inside of my heart now and forever. Thank you for being such a strong female model in my life. You taught me about God; to value education; how to stand up for what is right; how to work hard; how to overcome adversity in life with grace and how to save money. I will always remember all of the lessons of life that you taught to me. In my mind's eye, I can still see you, as you were, when you last stayed with Henry and I in our home; watching the Young and the Restless soap opera; doing your "job" of laundry, if you were here longer than a week; you signing your name as I addressed your Christmas cards because your beautiful cursive handwriting had deteriorated so much because of the Parkinson's Disease, watching you "help" Henry with his puzzles; doing your word search books; going grocery shopping and to Walmart for Christmas gifts and yarn so you could do your lap weaving. So many memories that bring tears to my eyes now, but, hopefully in the years to come, will bring a smile to my face. We had a lot of happy memories and experiences that we shared together as adult women. Memories that will last me for the rest of my life; if I am blessed by God with as many years as you had. I will always remember how we traveled solo to Anne's house after Dad died. We used Dad's directions and because of construction, we couldn't find Darlington. That became our private joke that we relived each time we passed through Darlington on our other journeys to see Anne & Rex in Virginia. I love you and miss you. When I got back from my vacation to Florida, I picked up the telephone to call you. Sometimes, I still forget that you are in Heaven. Love, hugs and kisses. XOXOXOXOXOXOX Love, Linda Leah Rutter Zenker

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Linda Leah Rutter Zenker - allendragonfly@gmail.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:34 AM

DF

“ Dear Reese, Our family loves you VERY much and we know how much your mother meant to you. We are ALWAYS here for you. You are part of our family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. ]  
Love, Denise, Lauren, Brian, and Katie

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Denise Kubicki & Family - July 19, 2013 at 08:34 AM

RA

“ Mom - I know you and dad are finally back together and for that I have a little bit of comfort - but at least I got the poem in from Ruth Ann Mahaffey : Letter From Heaven in the guest book and it says it all not just for the two of you united again but for all who are with you and if you see Gina would you please tell her she will also never be forgotten which also appies as you know to both you and dad.I miss both of you so much and both of you left too quickly.I at least know that you are no longer having to deal with your illness and that also helps a little.Don' t forget to take the time to visit - dad did at times.See you both in my Dreams.Love always ,forever your son -you will never be forgotten just as Dad was never forgotten.

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Reese ( the wild child son )-you know who I am - July 19, 2013 at 08:34 AM

SF

“ Our prayers and thoughts are with Aunt Dorothy's family. We loved her very much and she will be greatly missed. We enjoyed visiting her in PA and her visits to VA for Thanksgiving. she was always a joy to be around and always had a smile. She enjoyed life to the fullest.

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Sherry Fitzgerald - fsherry96@gmail.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:34 AM

DD

“ God Bless You Aunt Dorothy, We Love you and will always carry you with us in our Hearts. We will meet again on God's Golden Shore. Peace and Love to my Cousins and thier Families. Always;  
David S Hudson.

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**David S Hudson ( son of Gwendolyn Carter Hudson -**  
**Davidnfreinds@peoplepc.com** - July 19, 2013 at 08:34 AM

DN

“ My deepest condolences and heartfelt sympathies in the passing of your dear Mother. May you continue to find comfort and hope in the Bible's promises that we will see our loved ones again, here on a restored paradise earth. - Isaiah 26:19; Psalm 37:29. Yes, we are promised that our dear loved ones lost in death shall arise to life again here on a restored paradise earth. -Acts 24:15. May we all live our lives in such a way that we will be there to greet them! The Bible tells us how. I encourage you to investigate Jehovah God's true promises for us all. Sorrowfully submitted, Denise Brown Neice  
yBrown-mail@yahoo.com www.jw.org

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**Denise Brown - NeiceyBrown-mail@yahoo.com** - July 19, 2013 at 08:34 AM

DK

“ Although we ca not make it to the services, our thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time. I always enjoyed talking with your mom when she was visiting you. She made the most beautiful crocheted blankets with the help of the cats playing with the yarn as your mom was working on them. She would put a few stitches on.. And the cats would try to tug them off. She would just keep going, never missing a stitch. I guess you could say that is how the catch phrase came about, "That darn cat!"

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**David and Kathy** - July 19, 2013 at 08:34 AM

MA

“ *I miss you already!!!!*

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**Musser Family - angellovedx3@yahoo.com** - July 19, 2013 at 08:34 AM

“ A LETTER FROM HEAVEN "To my dearest family, some things I'd like to say. But first of all, to let you know, that I arrived okay. I'm writing this from heaven. Here I dwell with God above. Here, there's no more tears of sadness; here is just eternal love. Please do not be unhappy just because I'm out of sight. Remember that I'm with you every morning, noon and night. That day I had to leave you when my life on earth was through, God picked me up and hugged me and He said, "I welcome you." "It's good to have you back again; you were missed while you were gone. As for your dearest family, they'll be here later on. I need you here badly, you're part of my plan. There's so much that we have to do, to help our mortal man." God gave me a list of things, that he wished for me to do, and foremost on the list, was to watch and care for you. And when you lie in bed at night, the day's chores put to flight, God and I are closest to you... in the middle of the night. When you think of my life on earth, and all those loving years, because you are only human, they are bound to bring you tears. But do not be afraid to cry; it does relieve the pain. Remember there would be no flowers, unless there was some rain. I wish that I could tell you all that God has planned. But if I were to tell you, you wouldn't understand. But one thing is for certain, though my life on earth is o'er. I'm closer to you now, than I ever was before. There are many rocky roads ahead of you and many hills to climb; But together we can do it by taking one day at a time. It was always my philosophy and I'd like it for you too.... That as you give unto the world, the world will give to you. If you can help somebody who's in sorrow and pain, then you can say to God at night... "My day was not in vain." And now I am contented.... that my life has been worthwhile, Knowing as I passed along the way, I made somebody smile. So if you meet somebody who is sad and feeling low, Just lend a hand to pick him up, as on your way you go. When you're walking down the street, and you've got me on your mind; I'm walking in you footsteps only half a step behind. And when it's time for you to go.... from that body to be free, remember you're not going.... you're coming here to me. Author Ruth Ann Mahaffey © Copyright 1998-2001.

**Your Family** - July 19, 2013 at 08:34 AM

MH

“ *We love you and will truly miss the warmth of your love. We are comforted in our knowledge of your devotion to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and his promise of life eternal to those who believe.*

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**Murray Hansard** - July 19, 2013 at 08:34 AM