



## Helen "Ruth" Martin

November 8, 1932 - February 29, 2016

Looking back we see clearly the ones who have left us. We see them as though they were still with us as shadows. Those who have been gone longer we see less clearly, soon they are no longer separate. They become part of an undividable whole. We see a stream that reaches back forever.

-Ruth Martin

Our family is celebrating the beginning of our Mother's eternal life.

She was born on November 8, 1932 in Dodge City, Kansas to Ernie D. and Marie Stauth Rogers. She has seven children: Shelli and husband Larry Carter, Pam and husband Dr. David Davis, Debbi and husband Ed Burdette, Matthew Martin and wife Kelly, Tim Martin and wife Diane, Joe Martin and wife Lori, Chris Martin and wife Kim. Ruth is also survived by her sister, Margie Lee Carlile; nieces Jan Yearout and Jill Howell; and nephew Ron Carlile.

She is a proud grandmother of nineteen grandchildren and a proud great grandmother of twenty three great grandchildren.

She started her college education at the age of forty seven earning a Master's Degree in Sociology from North Texas State University, a Master's Degree in Theology from University of Dallas and what may have been her proudest scholastic achievement her Master Gardner Certification at the age of eighty two, she changed the world by helping others to help themselves. When in need Mema was always there.

What's a Mema? A living Saint. A woman who prided herself in making the

world a better place. She saw something positive in everyone. She had all the time in the world for family any day. Every morning started with 'Rise and shine this is the day the Lord has made'. Mom always saw the light in everyone she met and chose to ignore the dark. She touched lives in ways we can only aspire to. Mom was very involved as a political activist and fought for women's rights and equality.

That's a Mema

**BLESSINGS!**

# Previous Events

## Mem. Service

MAR 11. 1:00 PM (CT)

St. Andrews Catholic Church  
3314 Dryden Rd  
Ft. Worth, TX 76109

# Tribute Wall

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Helen - March 11, 2016 at 11:22 PM

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*This photo was taken during the inauguration of the Maria Kannon Zen Center here in Dallas. Your mema was a big presence and a present in our community.*

Helen - March 11, 2016 at 11:24 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Helen "Ruth" Martin.



March 11, 2016 at 11:46 AM

SF

“ *Ruth was a wonderful friend to everyone she met. She was compassionate, sympathetic and open to all who came into St. Andrew's food pantry. I enjoyed working with her for the months she was there. We have missed her since she moved away. She did not discriminate...always a hug, a jovial laugh and a smile for everyone. I know she must be enjoying eternal life. May she rest in peace. Everyone who knew her will miss her....*

*Sylvia Fisher*

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**Sylvia Fishe** - March 10, 2016 at 04:37 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Helen "Ruth" Martin.*



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March 10, 2016 at 11:06 AM

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“ *This lady was so awesome! I loved sitting and talking with her during the boys baseball games. She was always full of life and willing to give you a smile, hug, and just encouraging words! I Admired her so much! She will truly be missed!!*

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**Teresa** - March 09, 2016 at 10:57 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Helen "Ruth" Martin.*



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March 07, 2016 at 05:08 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Helen "Ruth" Martin.*



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March 07, 2016 at 01:40 PM



“ *If you met Ruth you - you adored Ruth. We had a special wink and glance with an occasional grimace or groan as we matched up our spirits and became fast friends. She truly had an indomitable spirit that brightened every room she entered and left warm embers wherever she shared her heart. I so greatly admired the joy and zest in which she lived her life! She bounced through life with pep in her step and adventuring she would go! She had an easy smile so generously shared and warmly given & always topped it with overflowing enthusiasm. I will miss her spirit truly-truly miss her! I know Heavenly Father greeted her with a "Well done my fine and faithful servant."  
Abundant blessing,  
Vera Carr  
Master gardening buddy*



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**Veraellen Carr** - March 04, 2016 at 10:04 PM

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“ *Ruth, one amazing woman! I've never met anyone like her. The love and care she had for everyone was so awesome. When she entered the room, it was like a breath of fresh air...put smiles on everyone's face. There was not a dull moment with her...so much laughter! Good times. We need more people like Ruth!!!! We love you Ruth and will deeply miss you!*

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**Priscilla Villalobos** - March 04, 2016 at 07:41 PM