



## Jane Martin Rucker

October 17, 1938 - April 29, 2025

Jane Martin Rucker, beloved mother, grandmother, sister, and friend, passed away peacefully at the age of 86 surrounded by her children.

Born and raised in Rutherfordton, North Carolina, Jane was a devoted member of the First United Methodist Church in Rutherfordton. After moving to North Litchfield Beach, she continued as a faithful member of the Pawleys Island Presbyterian Church.

Jane was predeceased by her husband, Adin Henry Rucker Jr., who passed away in 2009 after nearly 50 years of marriage. Their loving partnership was the foundation of a rich and joyful family life, and his memory remained close to her heart.

She is survived by her four loving children: Susan Wilkerson (Matt), Mary Miley, Janie Dawson, and Adin Rucker III (Katie); and by her cherished grandchildren: Andrea, Grayson, and Lily (children of Susan); Anna and Lucas (children of Janie); and Catherine and Camille (children of Adin). Nothing brought her more joy than being with her family, and she took great pride in the lives and accomplishments of her children and grandchildren.

She is also survived by two beloved brothers, Steve Martin (Beverly) and Jeep Martin (Johnnie), whose lifelong bond with Jane was a constant source of love

and support.

Jane will be remembered for her gracious spirit, her deep faith, and the quiet ways she made life better for those around her. Her legacy is one of love, laughter, and deep connection, and she will be profoundly missed by all who knew her.

A private family gathering will be held to honor and celebrate her life. In lieu of flowers or cards, please send memorials to: First United Methodist Church 264 N. Main Street Rutherfordton, NC 28139 or Pawleys Island Presbyterian Church, 9967 Ocean Hwy, Pawleys Island, SC 29585.

# Tribute Wall

FP

“ Jane Martin Rucker was our "Miss Martin" during 1959-60, my Albemarle Jr. High School ninth grade year. She had such a lovely smile, a sincere voice and spirit, and taught us English with devotion to our learning it well.



She rented a room in my grandmother's home near downtown, just a block from school. I talked to her often during the school year, enjoying all conversations with her. She is the only woman I knew who had access to driving two different French cars- a Renault Dauphine and a Peugeot. She said she liked the Renault best! Years later, she told me a story of her coming to Albemarle as a new college grad, a brand-new teacher, and seeking an "appropriate" place to stay. My grandmother had been hosting (women) teachers for decades, so it was a good arrangement for both. Jane said she bought a number of stainless-steel pots and pans from a male Pfeiffer student, who delivered them to the residence and started to help her carry them upstairs to her room. Apparently, some boxed pans fell onto the carpeted stairs down to the hall below, with much clatter. My grandmother took a sound nap every afternoon. When she came to see about the noise, she said, "WHAT is happening; you're not taking a "MAN" to your room?! I know Jane was smiling as she told me that story. I'm sure she told it to many others over the years, and I hope all appreciated Jane's balance, kindness and sense of humor. Remembering her and sending her family and friends best regards and loving wishes. Grace be unto you, and peace.

Frank Neville Patterson

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Frank Neville Patterson - May 16, 2025 at 08:17 PM

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“ When my husband and I moved to The Lakes at Litchfield last year I was delighted to re-connect with Miss Jane Martin (Rucker), my 9th grade English teacher in Albemarle, NC. Truly a "small world" story. We enjoyed catching up from time to time and she always had a wave, a smile and memories to share "at the ready." Jane was an inspirational teacher and I was fortunate to come to know her as a warm and caring friend. My heartfelt condolences to her family.

*Beverly Freeman*

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**Beverly Freeman** - May 06, 2025 at 03:56 PM

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“ My prayers to all the children and family. Your mother was a great person and I will miss her also.

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**Jerry Kirby** - May 06, 2025 at 01:43 PM