



## Ruth Whalen Gaul

July 28, 2010

Ruth Whalen Gaul, beloved wife of R. Wharton Gaul, died on July 28th, 2010, after a short illness. She was preceded in death by her parents, John Turner Whalen and Jessamine Burroughs Whalen. Ruth was born September 14, 1927 in Wilson, NC, where she grew up. She earned an associate degree in English at Stephens College in Columbia, Missouri, in 1948, and a B.A. in English and Creative Writing at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, in 1950, where she met her husband at the university's Canterbury Club. They married in 1952 and settled in Charlotte, NC, where she was a homemaker. They were members for many years of St. Martin's Episcopal Church, where she and Wharton taught Sunday School, and involved in St. Christopher's Episcopal Church. In Charlotte, she was active in the Charlotte Writers' Club Workshop, in which she completed a novel, and won first place in their annual short story contest. She also authored Christmas plays which were produced for children in Charlotte, including "Rainbow and the Christmas Star." The Gauls retired to Murrells Inlet, SC in 1986, where they joined the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection, and she served there, as head of the Altar Guild, on the Vestry, and as Senior Warden. She was a founding member of Murrells Inlet 2007 and worked with the group to preserve the Inlet. Surviving are her husband, Wharton, her children, daughter Ruth Gaul Schliessmann and her husband Larry Schliessmann, son R. Wharton Gaul Jr., (Rusty) and his wife, Lisa, and grandchildren Jessamine Belle Gaul, Samuel Wharton Gaul, and Matthew Grey Gaul. Services will be at the Episcopal Church of the

Resurrection on Saturday, July 31st, at 11:00 AM Sign a guestbook at [www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com](http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com) Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

# Tribute Wall



“ *What a wonderful, gentle and gracious soul Ruth Gaul possessed. She embodied all the best that a Southern woman might aspire to. Her remarkable faith and genuine goodness were a tremendous witness to all whose lives she touched. Ruth was an apt listener and a supportive member of the parish I served for several years. I could always count on her honest opinion, as one who truly had the pulse of the parish. Her lasting legacy will be the love she shared with all and the land she and her husband gave to provide Resurrection, Surfside Beach with their home for many years to come. She knew well the meaning of these words: the primary beneficiary of the gift is the giver. May her soul and the soul of all the faithful departed, through the mercies of God, rest in peace, and may light perpetual shine upon them.* *##imported-begin##The Rev. William Christian##imported-end##*

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August 02, 2010 at 03:01 PM



“ *Ruth was such a sweet and special lady. Her presence and smile could light up a room. She will be missed sorely by all. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you. May your sadness soon be replaced with loving memories.* *##imported-begin##Charles and Lisa Parrish##imported-end##*

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August 01, 2010 at 07:20 AM



“ *What a fine lady. She will certainly be missed by many, many folks.* *##imported-begin##Martha Fout##imported-end##*

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July 31, 2010 at 05:25 PM



“ Wharton, I send you and your family my sympathy on the loss of Ruth. She was a classmate and friend of my deceased wife at Chapel Hill and in Charlotte on Hanson Dr.##imported-begin##Harold M. Morrow##imported-end##

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July 31, 2010 at 04:35 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Nancy Anne and Jim Benton##imported-begin##Nancy Anne Benton##imported-end##

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July 31, 2010 at 03:06 PM



“ Our deepest sympathies to Wharton and the Gaul family. We will always remember her beautiful smile. Ruth was always a delight to be around, always happy. We will miss her. God bless you Wharton.##imported-begin##Jim and Janet Huntley##imported-end##

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July 30, 2010 at 12:56 PM



“ Mrs. R. Gaul was the first person to say "Hello" to me during my visits to Resurrection. She always made a point to say hello or wave. She was a fine person, and I will miss seeing her smiling face on Sunday mornings.##imported-begin##Gordon R Thompson##imported-end##

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July 30, 2010 at 11:27 AM



“ So sorry to hear about Mrs. Ruth passing. Our deepest sympathy to your family. She was a dear sweet lady and one of our cherished shareholders. Chapin Company and Mt. Atlanticus, LLC. Board of Directors.##imported-begin##Miriam Brazier##imported-end##

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July 30, 2010 at 09:07 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with all the family members. Mrs. Gaul was a very dear lady and our family will never forget her grace and beauty as she directed the wedding for our daughter. She will be greatly missed by all at Resurrection.##imported-begin##Barbara S. Brun##imported-end##

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July 29, 2010 at 09:04 PM



“ My wife and I thought the world of Mrs. Gaul. Thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Joey Norris##imported-end##

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July 29, 2010 at 07:25 PM



“ Our family has been blessed for many years by the love and prayers of your family. Nada and the girls are visiting inlaws out of town and send their love. We will miss Ruth and will always cherish our memories her loving kindness to she meet. May our Lord and Saviour comfort you and your family during this time of loss.##imported-begin##Nelson & Marty Hardwick##imported-end##

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July 29, 2010 at 06:38 PM



“ We are so sorry to hear of Ruth's passing. She was such a beautiful lady and will truly be missed by all. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Mr. & Mrs. Pat Manning##imported-end##

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July 29, 2010 at 06:18 PM



“ Dr. Gaul and the entire Gaul family- I am so sorry to hear of Ruth's passing. She will always be an integral part to my joining Resurrection and I will forever remember her beautiful smiling face. She was the epitome of joy in Christ and I am blessed to have known her. May God grant you all peace.##imported-begin##Chip Bateson##imported-end##

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July 29, 2010 at 06:11 PM



“ Ruth was always so cheerful and friendly. She was an exceptional and special lady.##imported-begin##Marilyn Stafford##imported-end##

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July 29, 2010 at 05:59 PM