



Ruth I. Irion

December 12, 2009

Conway--Ruth I. Irion, age 84, went to be with the Lord Saturday, December 12, 2009 at Grand Strand Regional Medical Center in Myrtle Beach after a brave battle with leukemia. Ruth was born in Pennsylvania, the daughter of the late Clarence E. and Elsie Senft. She was pre-deceased by her husband Perry (Pete) E. Irion, her daughter Patricia (Patty) Mae Allen, and two grandsons Joseph MacDougall and Lynne Foster Jr. Ruth was an avid equestrian, expert leather worker and very industrious. She owned and worked with horses for over 70 years. She built her own horse barn after moving to Conway with her husband Pete in the 1970's. She created beautiful handmade saddles and leather goods. She owned two horses until her illness made her too weak to care for them last spring. Ruth was a dedicated and faithful church member at Tilly Swamp Baptist Church in Conway for 35 years where she served her Lord Jesus as WMU director for over a decade. She retired from Santee Cooper Steam Plant. Surviving are two sons Lynne C. Foster of Naples, Fla., and Gary E. Foster of Conway, S.C.; four grandchildren Gary Foster, Michelle Buckman, Kevin MacDougall, and Joseph Hopkins; and several great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 PM Tuesday at Tilly Swamp Baptist Church with Rev. Archie Evans officiating, Burial will follow in the church cemetery directed by Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel. The family will receive friends from 1:00 until 2:00 PM Tuesday at the church. Memorials may be sent to Tilly Swamp Baptist Church 4619 Hwy. 90, Conway, SC 29526. Sign a guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall



“ I'm not able to attend the funeral, but my thoughts and prayers are with the family. She will be missed.##imported-begin##Heather Howard##imported-end##

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“ I love you will always miss you You always was there when i need you again I love you##imported-begin##Jc Hopkins##imported-end##

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“ I am so sorry for the loss of Miss Ruth and I will miss her so very much. She was quite a unique woman that I am so blessed to have met, become friends with and to have had the pleasure of loving. She was quite a spunky little woman that accomplished so much for so many people. Miss Ruth, you will always be remembered in my heart and in the hearts of all of us at Tilly Swamp Baptist Church. With love and sympathy, Victoria MacKenzie##imported-begin##Victoria MacKenzie##imported-end##

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