



Ruth McCastlain

February 4, 1941 - August 16, 2024

Mrs. Ruth Phebus McCastlain, 83, passed away on August 16, 2024. Services will be conducted November 16, 2024 at 11 AM in the First Methodist Church, 72 Lake Morton Road, Lakeland, Florida 33801.

<https://www.firstumc.org/>

Mrs. McCastlain was a native of Tennessee where she lived most of her life before marriage. She later moved to Lakeland Florida before moving to Milledgeville where she spent her most recent time. She was an avid gardener and cherished most her family relationships especially her grandchildren. She was preceded in death by children, Shep McCastlain and Ann McCastlain; mother, Fanny Mae Reeves Phebus Neal; and father, Jeff Phebus; sister, Alta Donahue; and brother, Norman Phebus. Mrs. McCastlain had been a member at the Lakeland United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her husband, Morris McCastlain, MD.; sons, Stephen McCastlain (Lisa), Michael McCastlain (Stacey); grandchildren, Matthew McCastlain (Lauren), Corey McCastlain, Shelby Kaufmann (Kasey), Luke McCastlain, Carter McCastlain, Grace McCastlain, Aiden McCastlain, Michael Friday, Alyssa Velez (Anthony); great grandchild, Sutton McCastlain; sister, Barbara Burris.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

NOV **16**. 11:00 AM (ET)

First United Methodist Church
72 Lake Morton Road
Lakeland, FL 33801
<https://www.firstumc.org/>

Tribute Wall

MM

“ *MS McCastlain Jr MD lit a candle in memory of Ruth McCastlain*



MS McCastlain Jr MD - January 25, 2025 at 09:22 AM

SM

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Suzi Minnick - November 15, 2024 at 01:45 PM

HB

“ *Oh how I have missed my afternoon talks with Mrs. Ruth. I only got to know her for a short while after she moved into Fellowship Meriwether. She always had the prettiest smile and the sweetest soul. I have truly missed her! Lisa and Steve, you both are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Heather Blair - November 12, 2024 at 10:29 PM

MM

Thanks. I miss my wife Ruth Phebus McCastlain

MS McCastlain Jr MD - January 25, 2025 at 09:24 AM

MM

I speak to my wife Ruth who has passed every day

MS McCastlain Jr MD - January 25, 2025 at 09:28 AM

MM

I will see my wife Ruth again someday

MS McCastlain Jr MD - January 25, 2025 at 09:30 AM

MM

I miss you and love you Ruth. Mac

MS McCastlain Jr MD - January 25, 2025 at 09:34 AM

MM

Help me

MS McCastlain Jr MD - January 25, 2025 at 09:38 AM

LM

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you.
Friends at Johnnie McDade Grocery.



Luther Minor - November 11, 2024 at 08:34 AM

LH

“ I love my Aunt Ruth McCastlain! She was one of the most kind and loving and warm people I have ever known. I feel so blessed to have known her my whole life! Sharing holidays, birthdays and summer vacations.. her love of people and Jesus Christ were evident in the smallest ways and the most endearing ways she related to others. I am forever blessed to be her niece. I will miss her, ... until we meet again. With my cousin Shep, my birthday cousin “twin” and dear friend! I miss you both. I am grateful for God’s providence in bringing us together as family, and in His greater family through our Lord Christ and His saving grace.
Forever blessed,
Linda Love

Linda Downey Hackett - September 08, 2024 at 12:23 PM

LH

Everyone loved Aunt Ruth!

So many memories flood my mind about my Aunt Ruth. I don't remember life without her in my early years. So many meals shared on different occasions and Ofcourse Lake Junaluska family gatherings around Macmothers and Macdaddy's kitchen table! But also at her and Uncle Morris' home enjoying their back porch at their NC home. A Spontaneous talent show in their basement with the cousins.

(Macmothers imitations.. Leigh) I remember being in Uncle Morris and Aunt Ruth's car in an accident in NC. She gave thanks that everyone was okay. Her warm smile reassuring.

Aunt Ruth took an interest in my life always asking how I was doing and even hosted my Rehearsal Dinner where some of the young guests ended in the pool. All of which she took in stride because she loved to have fun. I remember her turning on music so we could dance. Many of you family members were there.

She was a humble, southern straight shooter who always looked out for the interest of others. She was proud of her children and grand children and loved them dearly.

She was a sensitive soul who stayed open to God and kept the faith even with life's hardships and the loss of Shep. His witness and faith impacts me as I reminisce right now.

I always felt her love and support.

So grateful for you Aunt Ruth and the faith we share as we trust in Jesus, that which takes us beyond the grave where the 2nd death has no hold on us. It is truly not goodbye but see you later!

Lucy Downey Hughes

Lucy Hughes - October 22, 2024 at 01:52 PM

MJ

Thank you for your wonderful memories that you have shared. I will always remember your powerful testimony and sermon. Uncle Morris

Morris S McCastlain Jr - November 07, 2024 at 02:38 PM

MJ

Call anytime

Morris S McCastlain Jr - November 07, 2024 at 02:39 PM

MJ

Thanks again

Morris S McCastlain Jr - November 07, 2024 at 02:40 PM

BB

*Dear Ruth, I miss you so much. I miss the games we used to play, the funny jokes we laughed at, we had such fun even as adults. Tho we had many miles between us we made up for it with our phone calls. I guess I forgot to list M.C. Neal in your obituary when I supplied all of the family names, but I know he too was your daddy, as you called him "Daddy" and I know you loved him dearly. So sad I was not able to attend your Celebration of Life, I know it was a beautiful and sad day. I wish someone had thought about me and sent me a program from that ceremony. Just know I love you dearly and miss you. Your sister,
Barbara*

Barbara N Burrus - July 26, 2025 at 02:58 PM