



Mrs. Ruth Rabus Fouche

May 22, 1945 - July 17, 2017

Ruth Rabus Fouche, 72, died Monday, July 17, 2017, at her residence in Tifton. She was cremated per her wishes. Her remains will be interred with her late husband, Jim M. Fouche, in the Sikes Family plot at Hillcrest Cemetery in Sylvester. Jim preceded her in death on Saturday, May 27th, 2017. A memorial service will be held in the fall, with plans announced at that time.

Ruth was born on May 22, 1945, in Montclair, NJ, to the late Walter Edward and Catherine Bentley Rabus and was a beloved sister of her brother, the late John Rabus. She came to Georgia to attend college at Georgia Southwestern where she met Jim. They were married August 29, 1970. They had lived in Tifton for the past 4 years, having moved from Marietta where they had lived for 35 years. The couple had also lived in Columbus, GA, Poulan, GA, and Gainesville, FL.

Ruth was born with very serious Scoliosis, Spinal Stenosis, and Kyphosis. When she was 12 and again at 16, she had surgery to try to correct her spine, and the failed surgery had very serious consequences. She lived many happy years doing the things she loved, but about 10 years ago, her spine began an 80 degree rotation which resulted in her body becoming more and more handicapped. She continued to walk with the help of her walker and with much determination until the first of May when she was confined to her bed. Ruth never complained though the pain was severe. She is to be admired for her courage.

Ruth was very talented with Needle Point and had sewn a beautiful quilt with the individual State Birds from all 50 states which was put together with quilted red cloth. Ruth enjoyed writing short stories and spending time with her cats, especially her cat "Pokey." She loved traveling across the United States and visiting many different places with her husband, Jim, and she also toured Europe with her mother. She was an active member of "Southern Chimes Bell Club" of Atlanta and she attended many of their National Conventions in such places as Hawaii and Colorado.

Survivors include her sister Mary Power Ryan and brother-in-law Joseph A. Ryan of

Washington D.C.; cousin Gwendolyn Birchenough; cousin George Martin; cousin Charles Martin; cousin Kate Cumberland; cousin Susan Moore; cousins Billy and Vickie Young and family of Sumner; and cousins Grace and Irvin Hatcher and family of Sylvester.

Please sign our online guest registry at www.banksfh.com

Banks Funeral Home in Sylvester is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Ruth Rabus Fouche*

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“ *I only has a short time with you and Mr Jim but am so thankful for the time I had with yall. You both hold a special place in my heart. Now you are both together and no longer in pain. I love you both.*

Charlene Doggett - May 14, 2018 at 02:25 PM



“ *I really enjoyed getting to know Ruth on a visit she made to Colorado to see my mom, her cousin Catherine Martin Barber*

Linda Solano - May 14, 2018 at 02:25 PM