



Martha Ritch Blakely

August 27, 1925 - August 3, 2017

Martha Ritch Blakely, 91, of Wilmington, North Carolina and formerly of Charlotte, passed away on August 3, 2017, at the Davis Community in Wilmington.

Martha was born in Mecklenburg County on August 27, 1925, the daughter of Lex and Emma Bowen Ritch. She married Walter Reid Winecoff Sr. and worked as a waitress for many years at the Diamond Restaurant in Charlotte. In 2005, she moved from Charlotte to Wilmington to be closer to her son, Jeff. She was a fan of NASCAR, Elvis and dancing. Most of all, she loved the time spent with family and friends. Her life was filled with the love of family gatherings and cookouts. Martha will be sadly missed by all who knew her as a loving and devoted mother, wife, grandma, aunt and friend.

Martha is survived by her three children: Walt Winecoff Jr of Charlotte, Elaine Rafajko of Concord, and Jeff (wife Donna) Winecoff of Oak Island, NC; a sister, Carolyn Davis of Alabama; and five grandchildren: Deborah Moore, Susan Painther, Sandra Karges, Barclay Brantley and Dana Bigelow. Martha is further survived by 10 great grandchildren, 9 great great grandchildren, and numerous other relatives and friends. Martha was preceded in death by her husband George "Lucky" Blakely; three brothers; and one sister.

A gathering of friends and family will take place from 6:30 to 8:30 pm on

Friday, August 11, at the Lowe-Neddo Funeral Home, 4715 Margaret Wallace Road, Matthews, NC 28105. A service led by Mr. Michael Neddo honoring the life, love and blessing of Martha will be held at eleven on Saturday, August 12, 2017. Following the service, Martha will be taken in procession to her final place of earthly rest at Evergreen Cemetery, Charlotte, NC.

Please take a moment to share a memory, photo or condolence on Martha's tribute wall. Thank you for keeping the family in your thoughts, prayers and acts of kindness during this time.

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Cemetery

4426 Central Avenue
Charlotte, NC 28205

Previous Events

Gathering of Friends and Family

AUG 11. 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM (ET)

Lowe-Neddo Funeral Home
4715 Margaret Wallace Road
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Celebration of Life Service

AUG 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Martha Ritch Blakely*

October 05, 2023 at 07:26 AM



“ *Martha Ritch Blakely*

October 24, 2022 at 08:52 PM



“ *Ill never forget grandma at Christmas time all us great grandkids got lifesavers in a book as our treat and it wasn't a party at nannys unless you heard"lucky b" from her. Lol I love you nanny and you will never be forgotton*

chris karges - August 11, 2017 at 11:24 PM



“ *What a beautiful Lady. Aunt Martha always had a smile on her face. Walt, Elaine and Jeff our prayers are with all. Barney and Norma Ritch Barnes*

Barney & Norma Ritch Barnes - August 11, 2017 at 02:35 PM



“ *To the Family of the late Martha Blakely. The Lance Family sends our condolences to you in your time of sorrow! We love you. May God give you peace and understanding during time.*

Varlene Lance & Family

Latresa Lance - August 11, 2017 at 01:37 PM

KE

“ To the family of Martha Blakely sorry for the loss of your loved one. May you rely on the God of comfort and all your beautiful memories to sustain you. Isaiah 41:10 provides comfort.

kennedy - August 10, 2017 at 08:08 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Martha Ritch Blakely.



August 09, 2017 at 11:08 AM

LF

“ Love Carolyn Davis Tony & Teresa Angie Earl family purchased the Garden of Serenity Bouquet for the family of Martha Ritch Blakely.



Love Carolyn Davis Tony & Teresa Angie Earl family - August 09, 2017 at 10:54 AM

WF

“ We love you all Bill & Cynthia August & family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Martha Ritch Blakely.



We love you all Bill & Cynthia August & family - August 09, 2017 at 10:27 AM

CS

“ *Martha was such a wonderful woman . We had plenty of great times at the parties that she had . She was a fun-loving, little ball of energy in her day . She will be missed. We love ya'll
Christine & Stephen*



Christine Sistare - August 09, 2017 at 08:03 AM

BB

“ *Loved Mawmaw, i remember pool parties! They bought a pool just for family get togethers, with us kids. Watching wrestling with her, her lovin on some Ronnie "hands of stone" Garvin. And always having some off brand can colas! Great times. Mawmaw you are missed! We'll meet again.*

Barclay Brantley - August 07, 2017 at 06:58 PM



“ *Dearest Jeff, Donna and family,
Our hearts go out to you at this saddest of times along with our prayers and sympathy.
As you share and treasure those memories of her with your family as you all gather at this time, we hope they will provide solace.
Please know we love you and may God bless you.
Joe and Pam Forkey*

Joe Forkey - August 06, 2017 at 10:37 AM