

Annalene "Ann" Marshall Oresta

June 25, 1934 - January 7, 2025



Service

Saturday, January 18, 2025, 12:30 pm
Cravens-Shires Funeral Home
Bluewell, West Virginia

Interment

Roselawn Memorial Gardens
Princeton, West Virginia

Annalene “Ann” Gay Marshall Oresta, 90, of Salem, VA, formerly of Bluefield, WV, went to be with the Lord Tuesday, January 7, 2025. Born June 25, 1934, she was well-known as one of the “Marshall twins” of the late Sam and Dorothy Mabe Marshall of Rock/Montcalm, WV. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her loving husband of 52 years, Elder Franklin Oresta, and a brother, Ray Marshall.

Ann and Franklin met at Matoaka High School and were married on December 26, 1952. On July 13, 1963, Ann, along with her twin sister, Katherine “Kat” and father, Sam, joined the Montcalm Primitive Baptist Church. Ann and Franklin spent over 50 years hosting church and family friends weekly while serving the Lord. She briefly worked at Maidenform but devoted most of her life to being a homemaker. She was known for her baking, cooking, and canning, with favorites including her macaroni and cheese, homemade biscuits, vegetable beef soup, lemon and chocolate meringue pies, Italian Crème Cake, and cast-iron skillet spaghetti.

Ann enjoyed a variety of hobbies, including sewing, quilting, gardening, sudoku, jigsaw and crossword puzzles, and spending time with “the sisters”. Her twin, Kat, was her best friend living with or beside each other for over 80 years.

She is survived by two daughters, Karen Gordon (Tom) of Salem, VA, and Donna Esposito (Mark) of Apex, NC; 5 grandchildren, Carmen Hardin (Scott) of VA, Kevin Gordon (Denise) of VA, Brittany Cockerham (Zack) of NC, Courtney Gandy (Kevin) of TX, and Zachary Esposito of NC, and 6 great grandchildren Haley Gordon, Adrienne Hardin, Campbell Hardin, Greyson Cockerham, Shelby Cockerham and Eli Gandy.

She is also survived by “the sisters” with a special bond; twin, Katherine “Kat” Dalton (Paul) of Bluefield, WV, Brenda Wickline (Charles) of Peterstown, WV, Connie Kirby of Princeton, WV, Carla Shrewsbury (Marty) of Lashmeet, WV, and many special nieces and nephews from the east to the west coasts.

Celebration of Life Service—Ann Oresta

Welcome / Opening Prayer.....Elder John Nichols
Pastor of Bethel-Washington Primitive Baptist Church, MD

Memories of Mamaw.....Kevin Gordon
Grandson

Amazing Grace....Mars Hill Primitive Baptist Church
Recorded in Hoboken, GA, 2007

Sermon.....Elder Joe Miller
Pastor of Montcalm Primitive Baptist Church, WV

In His Arms I'm Not Afraid.....Scott Hardin
Grandson-in-law

Remembrance.....Rhonda Early Carper
Great-Niece

Just a Rose Will Do by the late Ray Marshall
"the sisters" only brother; recorded March 6, 1977

Closing Prayer.....Elder Gary Utz
Pastor of Happy Creek Primitive Baptist Church, VA

Burial will follow at a later date at Roselawn Memorial Gardens, Princeton, WV, with Kevin Gordon, Zach Esposito, Scott Hardin, Steve Dalton, Tim Dalton, and Todd Marlowe serving as honorary pallbearers.



Our family would like to thank the many angels on earth for the gentle care, kindness, and devotion that brought peace and comfort to Ann and our entire family over the last few years: Dottie Burris, Sherri Farmer, Pamela Mielnicki, Ariel Rogers, Martha Altizer, Jennifer Clark, Mindy MaHala, Karen Wood, Billi Asbury, Tammy Hylton, Angela Zirkle and many other unknown angels.

In addition, words cannot express our gratitude to the incredible staff at Good Samaritan Sheila S. Strauss Hospice House for the compassion and dedication during Ann's final journey to her heavenly home. Nurses and staff: Carol, Kelly, Linetty, Htin, Kiwi Anna, Ashley, and David provided unwavering support to both Ann and her family.

Just A Rose Will Do

When time shall come for my leaving
When I bid you adieu
Don't spend your money on flowers
Just a rose will do
Well I'm going to a beautiful garden
At last when life's work is through
Don't spend your money on flowers
Just a rose will do
Just have an old fashioned preacher
preach a sermon so true
I'll need no beautiful flowers
Just a rose will do.



In lieu of flowers, the family request that memorial donations be made in honor of Annalene "Ann" Oresta to Good Samaritan Sheila S. Strauss Hospice House, 4751 Cove Rd NW, Roanoke, VA 24017 or Alzheimer's Association at alz.org