



Rufina B. Marquette

June 9, 1929 - February 19, 2024

Rufina B. Marquette, 94, of Palmyra, passed away on Monday February 19, 2024 at Londonderry Village. She was the wife of the late George R. “Rinso” Marquette, who passed away in 2008.

Rufina was born in Lancaster on June 9, 1929 to the late Lester G. and Jennie G. (Lorah) Balmer. She was a graduate of Lebanon Valley College with a BA in music. Rufina was an elementary school teacher for Annville Cleona Schools for 28 years. She was a member of St. Mark Lutheran Church in Annville, where she was an assistant minister, was a substitute organist, a lector, and was involved with social ministry at the church. She was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma a teacher’s society. She taught piano lessons out of her own home. Rufina enjoyed reading, traveling, gardening, and listening to music.

Surviving are her sons, Reynolds B. Marquette (Kala M.) of Hernando, FL, Robby L. Marquette of Wrightsville, grandchildren, Jason S. Marquette, Stefanie L. Marquette, Zachary R. Marquette, and two great grandchildren, Dillon Marquette and Zoe Marquette. She was preceded in death by her grandson, Jeremy J. Marquette and brother Karl N. Balmer.

A Funeral Service will be held on Tuesday, February 27, 2024 at 11AM at GracePoint EFC, 740 Leon Ave, Palmyra. Interment will be in Mt. Annville Cemetery. There will be a visitation with the family from 10 AM until 11 AM at the church.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the scholarship fund at

Lebanon Valley College, Dr. George R. Marquette '48 and Rufina Marquette '51 Scholarship. In the memo line, please place Marquette Scholarship. These can be mailed to: LVC Advancement Office, 101 N. College Ave, Annville, PA 17003.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 27. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Gracepoint Church
740 Leon Ave
Palmyra, PA 17078

Funeral Service

FEB 27. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ She was my third grade teacher at North Anville and taught in the same building as my dad for many years. I was able to see her and reminisce numerous times at Palm Lutheran Church when she would attend services, prior to COVID. I remember she cried when Charlotte died as she was reading “Charlotte’s Web” aloud to the class. I remember our post office that we made for Valentine’s Day. She was a kind soul and wonderful teacher. My condolences to the family.

Craig Meyer - February 22, 2024 at 10:27 PM

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“ We are all so saddened to hear of Rufina's passing. She was my teacher and a dear St. Mark church member, so kind and gracious as to even offer a scholarship for our seniors at church for those who pursued higher education. Our thoughts and prayers are with her whole family. - Joyce Felty

Joyce Felty - February 22, 2024 at 10:22 PM

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“ So saddened to learn of Rufina's passing. I always admired her. Rennie, Robby and families you have my deepest sympathy. She is now with her beloved Rinso and her Lord & Savior.

Rachel Noll - February 22, 2024 at 09:42 AM