



Ruth J Ten Hagen Obituary

January 16, 1924 - September 20, 2009

Mrs. Ten Hagen was born January 16, 1924 to the late Wyman G. Jones and Naomi Hall Jones. Mrs. Ten Hagen moved to Albany as an infant and graduated from Albany High school in 1941. She attended Brenau College, Asbury College and Wesleyan College, majoring in music. Ruth was a singer/radio performer in the late 1930's on WGPC. She married Donald C. Ten Hagen July 14, 1945, and she and her husband Donald purchased Parkway Pharmacy, where she worked part-time until the business was sold in 1976. Ruth has always been a very active member of First United Methodist Church. She centered her volunteer work on the church and community. She was a member of the sanctuary choir for over 50 years and has served as officer many times, member of the United Methodist Women, serving as president from 1967-1968 and served on the board of directors for many years, member of the First United Methodist Administrative Board, church older adult coordinator, District Superintendents Committee for the Methodist Church from 1985-1995, organized the Children's Choir program at FUMC in 1957 and served as a volunteer choir director until her retirement in 1989. Ruth was also a volunteer for the ACTO (Alzheimer's Caretakers Organization), providing music programs for patients. She visited shut-ins, nursing homes and hospitals. She volunteered to take them to appointments, meetings, etc. and was always trying to help those in need. She joined the Jr. Women's Club of Albany in 1953 and volunteered in any area needed. She was a volunteer for the choral group which sang at their national convention in

Detroit. She directed the Children's Choir Festival in Feb. of 1959 which was sponsored by the club. Ruth was a charter member of the Albany Symphony Guild and volunteered in many capacities and held board positions. She was a life member of the Charity League and served as a Pink Lady Volunteer at Phoebe Putney memorial Hospital for 15 years. She served on the board and was the liaison between Easter seals and the League. Ruth taught at Porterfield Kindergarten from 1976-1980 and taught music at Kindelore Preschool from 1981-1987. She received the Golden Deed award by the Exchange Club in 1996. Ruth had tireless energy when it came to helping others. She had genuine love and devotion for the young and old, and was never too busy for anyone who needed her. She went about quietly about her Father's business from early till late each day. She was preceded in death by her husband Donald C. Ten Hagen and her brother, Ralph P. Jones. Survivors include her son, Donald C. Ten Hagen, Jr. and his wife Dinah of Yorktown, VA, daughters, Barbara Horton and her husband Jim of Winston-Salem, NC and Debbie K. Sutton of Albany, sister-in-law, Grace Jones of Albany, four grandchildren, Stephen and Richard Ten Hagen, Mandy Horton and Robert Thompson, IV, three great-grandchildren, Gage Ten Hagen, Malarie Ten Hagen and Brooks Ten Hagen.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ruth J Ten Hagen Obituary*

May 22, 2023 at 01:29 AM



“ *Mrs. Ten Hagen was a leader at First United Methodist Church in downtown Albany, GA for many years. She was a wonderful choir director and many children enjoyed the choir because of Mrs. Ten Hagen. I remember her steadfast devotion to my choir groups in the late 1970's. My prayers are with the Ten Hagen family.*

Jackson Murphy - September 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Don,
Your Mama will be missed by so many. She's a wonderful lady.
God's peace be with you all in time.
Deane Lamb-Ellis*

Deane Lamb-Ellis - September 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Ruth was a great lady. She was a good friend for may years. She taught at Porterfield Kindergarten with Ethet Bond and I for a number of years. My prayers are with all of her family. God bless you and keep you. Rebecca*

Rebecca Gainous - September 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ I would like to i'm very sorry for the passing of your mother. Mrs. Ten Hagen was one of my residents at palmyra nursing home whom i enjoyed talking to. Your mother will surely be missed.

cassandra williams - September 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Debbie, we have been at the beach on vacation and I just learned of your mom's death. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Dimi & Thomas Williams - September 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Deep sympathy to all your family in Ruth's death. She was a lovely person.

Louise Fallis - September 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ Debbie,
We would like to express deepest sympathy to you, Robert and the rest of your family.
Regards;
Mel & Patty Parr

Mel Parr & Patty Parr - September 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ Debbie and family, I am so sorry for your loss. I am praying that you will find comfort in the Lord during this difficult time. May God grant you peace and comfort.

Rita Cline - September 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AV

“ *Each of you are in my thoughts, prayers, and love. Ann Peacock Voss*

Ann Peacock Voss - September 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ *Your Mom will be missed by many. You all are in my thoughts and prayers. Rani*

Rani Pace Bailey - September 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

ET

“ *Mrs. Ten Hagen was one the sweetest ladies I have ever met. I had the pleasure of being in one of the childrens choirs that she directed. I was 7 at the time and I was alittle bit afraid of the organ at the time. She was so kind to me and assured me there was nothing to be afraid of. Thanks, Mrs. Ten Hagen.*

elizabeth tate - September 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ *To the Tenhagen family: As a new worker at ACTO, I wanted to let you know Mrs. Ruth Tenhagen was greatly appreciated for playing the piano at our facility. On a more personal note, I volunteered at Mattie Marshall doing crafts and other activities with the patients while my Mom was on the same unit as Mrs. Tenhagen. It was always a joy to work with her on crafts and activities and she was always delightful. I had started a autobiographical picture book on each patient while I was there and I hope you were pleased with her pictures. I hope you will be able to remember all the good times she had. I am very sorry for your loss.*

Connie Hardison

Connie Hardison - September 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ *Debbie please accept my sympathy on the loss of your mother*

Shirley Pardue - September 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ *Debbie,so sorry to learn about your mom. Not sure that I'll be able to attend the visitation but know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. Our Father who art in heaven with those we have loved...Al*

Al Higginbotham - September 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

UC

“ *You are all in our thoughts and prayers.*

United Hospice of Cordele - September 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ *I am so sorry to hear about your Mom and Grandmother passing. Debbie and Robert you are both so very special and you and your family will be kept in our thoughts and prayers.*

I trust that you will find peace in knowing that she is no longer suffering and has gone to a better place.

Love, Dian Clark

Dian Clark - September 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ *Debbie and family please accept our deepest sympathy over the loss of your Mother.*

Clint And Nim Allen - September 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM