



## Ruth A. Clark

January 22, 1921 - September 2, 2009

Ruth A. Clark, age 88, of Shreve (Moreland), died early Wednesday morning, September 2nd, 2009 at St. Thomas Hospital in Akron following complications from a recent fall.

Memorial services will be Saturday, 11:00 a.m. September 12th, 2009 at Moreland United Methodist Church in Moreland with Pastor Tom Fish officiating.

Visitation will be one hour (10:00-11:00 a.m.) prior to services. The family will also greet friends following the services at the church for a time of fellowship. A private family interment will take place at the Moreland Cemetery at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made in lieu of flowers to: Moreland United Methodist Church, 138 E. Moreland Rd. Wooster, Oh. 44691

Custer-Glenn Funeral Home, 2284 Benden Dr., Wooster is in charge of arrangements.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at: [www.custerglenn.com](http://www.custerglenn.com).

She was born in Millersburg, Ohio on January 22, 1921 to Ralph and Mary (McGrady)Franks. Upon her mother's death 5 months later, she was adopted by Carey and Dessie (Schaaf) Franks of the Moreland area.

Ruth grew up living and working at the Moreland General Store that her parents owned and operated. She started school at the Moreland School then to Wooster High School and graduated from Ashland College with a Bachelor's Degree in Education.

She then taught at the former Walnut St. School in Wooster and then at the Franklin School in the Triway School District before retiring after 35 years of teaching.

She married Eldon R. "Mike" Clark on December 27, 1942. He died in 1999 after 57 years of marriage.

Ruth was a member of the Moreland United Methodist Church where she served in many capacities including a pianist for many years; a member of the Order of The Eastern Star in Shreve; belonged to the Moreland Grange, the Cheerful Neighbors and the Nonpariel Housekeepers Club.

She is survived by her children Carey "Michael" (Bettyjane)Clark and Karen Clark all of Wooster, Oh.; a sister, Helen Pontrell of Louisville, Oh.; a niece, Linda (Rod) Andrews of Williamsburg, Oh.nephews, Roger Franks of Shreve, Oh., Wilson E. Franks of Lakewood, Washington and Jon (Mary) Sheppard of Fairport, New York and her beloved feline companion, "Frisky".

In addition to her parents and beloved husband, she is preceded in death by her brothers, Wilson Franks and Leland Nauman; a niece, Janice Himmelright and nephew, Richard Franks.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **12.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Moreland United Methodist Church  
138 E. Moreland Rd.  
Wooster, OH

## Service

SEP **12.** 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Dear Karen and Mike,  
I was sorry to hear of the passing of your mother. She, along with your family, was such an important and memorable part of what I think of as our Moreland family. Growing up in our little community was special and Ruth was central to so many of the things I enjoy recalling. You have my sympathy for your loss and you will be in my prayers.##imported-begin##Jon Gwin##imported-end##

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September 23, 2009 at 01:19 PM



“ I want to express my sympathy to the Clark family. Mrs. Clark was a very nice lady.##imported-begin##Diana Mohr Youngman##imported-end##

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September 10, 2009 at 10:32 AM



“ I didn't know Mrs. Clark but I think that she was somehow related to my stepmother, Opal (Franks) Jolliff. Opal was moved to West View Manor from Florida in 2004. Mrs. Clark faithfully sent Opal flower arrangements on holidays and sometimes just to say she was thinking of her. Opal was always so happy and appreciative, and I did write some "thank yous" on Opal's behalf. Mrs. Clark must have been a very kind and caring person and I'd like to take this opportunity to extend my condolences to her family.##imported-begin##Kay (Jolliff) Chave##imported-end##

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September 10, 2009 at 10:00 AM



“ Dear Karen and Mike,  
I'm sending my condolences. I remember your Mom as my first grade teacher at Franklin. I know Mike through my Dad, and I enjoyed working with you, Karen, at the library. You are a wonderful family and I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers. I have to work next Saturday and can't attend your Mom's funeral, but I will be thinking of you then and wishing her a beautiful service. She was a wonderful Mom, Teacher and friend to all.  
Lynn###imported-begin##Lyndon Spigelmire##imported-end##

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September 05, 2009 at 10:54 AM



“ Dear Mike and Karen, Was sorry to hear of the passing away of your Mom. Mike and Ruth were always one of my favorite friends in the Moreland area. You will remember me as Danny Mast. How are you doing? You were always one of my favorite friends at Franklin School. Great memories! We live in Pikeville, Tn., in the beautiful Sequachee Valley. I am there to help as a pastor in a small church. I am not farming anymore, since about 2001. We moved to Paraguay, S.A. to start a church there. Moved back and have been active in ministry work here. Wish I could come to the funeral, but not this time. I'll think of you in our prayers. We are so blest to know the Lord Jesus as our Savior! Trust him he does really change our lives! We love you! Danny and my wife Martha###imported-begin##Dan and Martha Mast`##imported-end##

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September 04, 2009 at 09:09 PM



“ Dear Karen & Mike,  
I am sorry to hear about Ruth's death. She was a great lady and I appreciated all she did for the church. I think most of her great sense of humor and will remember her laughter probably the most. I am glad she was blessed to be so well supported by you two. Moreland has lost another of those who were so much of the history of the Moreland community. I had often said it would have been good if someone could have gotten a written history of her life as part of the community. I am praying for you folks. If not for the one year policy I would like to have attended the funeral. I am sure Rev. Fish will do a good job with the service. The Lord's best to you both.  
Bob###imported-begin##Bob Stull###imported-end##

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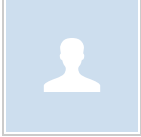
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“ 34 years ago I started my teaching career at Triway. I split duties as a Physical Education teacher at Franklin Twp. and Shreve. Ruth was a teacher at Franklin then and I remember her as such a joy to work with every week. She was so caring for her students and also helped me as a new teacher. Seeing the write-up about her today brought back many memories. My thoughts and prayers are with all family and friends. Dave Handwerk###imported-begin##Dave Handwerk###imported-end##

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September 04, 2009 at 10:46 AM



“ Mrs. Clark was my first grade teacher at Franklin. She was one of the most influential figures in my formative years. Her love of music helped fuel my love of music and I have fond memories of her playing and allowing us to sing or move to the music. She was also a neighbor and her spirit will remain with us. It was an honor to have her as a teacher. The earth is a better place because her feet walked upon it.

Sincerely,

Sharon (Baker) Delgadillo##imported-begin##Sharon (Baker)  
Delgadillo##imported-end##

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September 04, 2009 at 08:53 AM