



## Ruthann (Wall) Neal

October 2, 1922 - August 28, 2016

Age 93, a resident of Berkeley Square Retirement Community, died Sunday, August 28, 2016. She was born in Phillipsburg, Pennsylvania on October 2, 1922 the daughter of Truman J. and Eve B. (Mitchell) Wall. She was married and widowed twice to Clark A. Stethem (m. 1946) and Harry R. Neal (m. 1971). Ruthann was employed as a school teacher in Ohio and Pennsylvania for 35 years, retiring in 1975. She was a lifelong member of the West Branch Quaker Meeting, Grampian, PA and became a member of the Trenton Mennonite Church in Trenton, Ohio. She was a member of the Pennsylvania State Education Association - Retired, Clearfield County Retired Teachers, Penn Grange, Grampian, Pennsylvania, the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (D.A.R.) and Colonial Dames 17th Century. She is survived by her step son, Timothy (Carol) Neal, Los Alamos, New Mexico; step grandchildren, Jocelyn, Everett (Jenna), Meredith (Alison), Alistair and Lowell and eight step great grandchildren. She is also survived by her niece, Sarah Ruth Rogers, Fripp Island, South Carolina; and nephew William C. Rogers, D.D.S., Hamilton; grandnieces Jennifer Rogers (Dr. Philip) Bradford; Julie Elizabeth Rogers, Centerville, OH and Beth Ellen Rogers a senior at Ohio State University and two great grandnieces. She is preceded in death by her parents, both her husbands and her sister, Pauline W. Rogers. Funeral services will be held Tuesday, September 6, 2016 beginning with visitation at 12:30pm until time of service at 1:30pm at Weigel Funeral Home, 980 N. W. Washington Blvd., Hamilton, Ohio 45013 with Dr. Jim Menninger officiating. Burial will be in the Trenton Mennonite Cemetery, Trenton.

# Cemetery

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## Trenton Mennonite Cemetery

2525 Wayne Madison Road  
Trenton, OH, 45067

# Events

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**SEP** **Visitation** 12:30PM - 01:30PM

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Weigel Funeral Home  
980 N.W. Washington Blvd., Hamilton, OH, US,  
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**SEP** **Service** 01:30PM - 02:30PM

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# Comments

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“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Ruthann (Wall) Neal.



October 21, 2016 at 11:05 AM

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“ Sending my deepest sympathy to the family of Ruthann Neal. She was my home ec. teacher all 7 years (57-62) at Harmony and then as a dear friend the next 12 years at Harmony (62-74) where I was the H.S. secretary. I married in 74 and left the area & back in 81 but kept in touch with her all through the years.

It was such a shock when a friend called & asked if I knew Mrs. Stethem (as we knew her as kids) had passed away. I said no. Last year was the first I didn't hear from her after her birthday & no Christmas card. It made me wonder if everything was ok. I would have been sending her another birthday card shortly. Another sad thing in her obituary was that Pauline had passed away. My sympathy to Ruthie & Bill & all the family. I have a photo album with pictures of all of you and her beautiful home in Polly's basement. She kept me posted of her family.

I would appreciate if someone could drop me a line, give me a call or e-mail back to this address; srejdud@windstream.net This is my daughter's e-mail. I don't have a computer. I was wondering what happened and how long she was in the retirement community and when Polly had passed and had she been sick.

She was a great teacher and friend.

Again, my condolences to all on the death of your Mother & aunt.

Dolores P. Pry  
1994 Sylvis Rd.  
Cherry Tree, Pa 15724

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**Dolores Pry** - September 06, 2016 at 02:48 PM

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“ Ruthann was my very dear friend especially when she lived here in Walltown outside of Grampian, Pa. She would very often call to see if we were going to take a walk that day which we usually did. She very seldom walked over to my house (we didn't live that far apart) that she didn't have some sort of little surprise for me. Often it was homemade cookies or something for the house. She was a very giving person and I loved her more than just a friend. After our home burned in 1999 and our new house was in place she came and helped me get my kitchen cupboards organized. I will

never forget her kindness. When she decided to move to Hamilton, Ohio with her sister Polly, my husband Jim and I helped her pack the uhaul when she was ready to go. It was one of the hardest things I had to do. I just didn't want to see her leave. In my heart I will always miss her. She was a special friend.

**Donna (Wall) Buck** - September 01, 2016 at 06:32 PM



“ Ruthann and my mother, Ellen Henry, were both Home Economics teachers teaching the same years, encountering the same student challenges. While they were in different school systems, over the years just being acquaintances became a friendship. Ellen and 'Mick' Henry introduced Ruthann to Harry Neal and the rest of that story is history... After my father passed away, Ellen and Ruthann traveled together and enjoyed each other's friendship and interests. My husband David and I also enjoyed Ruthann's friendship and spending time with her; whether in her cozy home, the B-n-B farm or daytrips around Grampian and PA area it was always an interesting and fun experience. She always wanted to get me to a Quaker service but after she moved to Ohio we didn't have an opportunity to visit one-on-one. Ruthann was a very special person and I will miss getting letters and Christmas updates of how her family is.

Fond memories and PEACE as I reflect on what a great lady she was. Our condolences to Tim and all her family. E-mail if you get the opportunity. Ginny Chittister

**Ginny Chittister** - September 05, 2016 at 03:38 PM



“ My Sincere condolences to the family. Mrs. Stethem, then Neal, was my home economic teacher at Harmony High School, Westover, PA., and she was a very good one at that. I always wondered where she had moved away to, as her last know residence to me was in New Washington. I have many fond memories of her and had even received a Kennedy half dollar as a sewing award from her. I, still to this day, use the peanut butter fudge recipe she had us make in class, and have handed it down to my daughter, Erin. She has and will always be remembered by those she touched, including me.

Sincerely,

Sharon Westover Miller

**Sharon Westover Miller** - September 07, 2016 at 12:45 PM