



## Martha Woodside Morrow

March 9, 1936 - January 22, 2020

Martha Frances Woodside Morrow passed away on January 22, 2020 at a home where she resided in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Martha was born on March 9, 1936 at the home where her parents lived in Charlotte, North Carolina. She was the only child of Mary Louise Christenbury Woodside and Gales Thomas Woodside.

Martha grew up in Huntersville, North Carolina, where she was surrounded by a large, extended family, including many first cousins who were like siblings to her. She graduated from North Mecklenburg High School and went on to attend Lees-McRae College in Banner Elk, North Carolina.

Martha married James Vason Morrow (Jimmie) at Hopewell Presbyterian Church on December 21, 1956. Martha and Jimmie moved to Decatur, Georgia, where Jimmie attended Columbia Seminary, and Martha worked as a medical secretary. After graduating from seminary, Jimmie served several Presbyterian churches throughout the southeast, and Martha and Jimmie had three daughters and one son. In 1972, Martha and Jimmie and their children moved to Umatilla, Florida, where Jimmie served the Umatilla Presbyterian Church. Martha lived in Umatilla for the next 47 years, leaving in 2019 to move to Albuquerque to be near her daughter.

Jimmie passed away in 1993. Several years later, Martha married Buford Reedy of Umatilla. Together Martha and Buford traveled throughout the United States, visiting family and friends and national and state parks. Martha loved to travel. With her children or a cousin, she traveled to Costa Rica, England, France, Guatemala, Italy, Mexico, Switzerland, Scotland, and Hawaii. She thoroughly enjoyed every minute of every trip.

Martha was an active member of Umatilla Presbyterian Church throughout the years she lived in Umatilla. She is an elder and served as an active member of session and as Mission Chair. In the latter capacity, she began and ran for a number of years the Backpack Program. This program delivered food-filled backpacks to needy children in the local elementary school every Friday to ensure they had food for the weekends.

Martha is survived by three daughters, Virginia (Ginny) Morrow Munger and her husband, Thomas (Tom) Munger, of Atlanta, GA; Frances (Fran) Morrow and her husband, Paul Berkely (Berke) Landrum, of Minden, NE; Rebecca (Becky) Morrow Dees and her husband, Philip (Phil) Lawrence Dees, of Albuquerque, NM; one son, James (Jim) Vason Morrow, Jr. and his partner, Sara Rodgers, of Boise, ID; six grandchildren, Alexander (Alex) Munger, of Athens, GA, and Patrick Munger, of Atlanta, GA; Lee Landrum, of Lincoln, NE, and Thomas Landrum, of Minden, NE; and Jacob (Jake) Dees and Julia Dees, of Albuquerque, NM.

A funeral service will take place on Sunday, February 2, 2020, at Hopewell Presbyterian Church at 3pm. A visitation with the family will immediately follow.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorials be made to One Great Hour of Sharing through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

James Funeral Home is serving the family.

# Cemetery

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## Hopewell Presbyterian Church Cemetery

10500 Beatties Ford Road  
Huntersville, NC, 28078

# Events

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**FEB** **Funeral Service** 03:00PM - 03:30PM

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**FEB** **Visitation** 03:30PM - 04:30PM

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# Comments

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“ Martha Frances was a mainstay in the Woodside family. We knew her best from our family reunions, her dedication to bringing us together, and her enthusiasm for making us all feel welcome. At the core of our Woodside reunions were the eight cousins who grew up spending summers together, in Martha’s words, “wading in the branch, playing in the barn, ... visiting Grandmother’s before electricity.” Their 80-year bond still brings us together, and Martha’s love for family has rubbed off on the rest of us, a legacy that she has given us.

One thing that always impressed me about Martha was her interest in others. She asked with keen interest about our school, our work, our lives. (And she remembered – and even used – what you told her: One year, her invitation to the reunion included a list of the neat things that family members had done.)

Martha took great delight in children: Holding the little ones, laughing with the bigger ones. (As evidence, I’d point to some of the photos on this tribute page, but I’m sure there are zillions of others.) She had a special gift for speaking with kids and young adults in a way that made them feel valued and respected – years later, I remember feeling validated by the way she spoke with me.

Martha spoke sweetly, even softly at times, but when she spoke, you learned to listen. She was sharp, insightful, wise, she had a practical ability to get things done, and she possessed a deep moral strength. She did not have an easy life; I knew that, but I never heard about it from her.

Martha also had a charming way of telling hair-raising stories in an offhand way. A few years back, she told my dad and me a crazy, scary story about her car getting stuck in cruise control – maybe the accelerator was stuck – until she crashed it, but she recounted it so nonchalantly and with a smile and a gleam in her eye, so that you might have thought she was describing a stuck door handle.

Martha was a blessing to us all. Ginny, Fran, Becky, and Jim, we were lucky to have your mother in our family, in our lives. We mourn her passing, and we are very sorry for your loss.

With love,  
Patrick McCabe  
Son of Dorothy (one of the eight cousins)

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