



## Ruth Whitmore Williams

September 14, 1940 - May 6, 2016

Ruth Whitmore Williams died May 6, 2016 from respiratory failure. She was born on September 14, 1940 in Summit, New Jersey where she lived until enrolling at the College of Wooster in 1958. Ruth met her husband Morris on June 7, 1959 at a summer job in Vermont. They were married June 7, 1961, and Ruth joined Morris at Duke University where she received her degree with an education major in 1963.

Ruth's motto for everyday was "Love, Teach, Share". Starting in 1974, Ruth began teaching at The Gateway School. She taught pre-school aged children for over 30 years. Ruth later became the director of Gateway while continuing to teach and managed two moves of the school to its current Wynnewood location. Ruth loved working with children and after retiring from Gateway, Ruth volunteered at T.M. Peirce Elementary School in North Philadelphia. Philanthropy was another important part of Ruth's life. She served as President of the Pine Tree Foundation, which enhances educational opportunities for children and helps people around the world. Ruth also served as Chair of the Board for Project Forward Leap and as an elder of the Gladwyne Presbyterian Church.

Ruth had a great appreciation for classical music and was both a singer and Chair of the Board for Vox Ama Deus. Ruth also served on the board of the Philadelphia Orchestra and supported the Pennsylvania Ballet.

The College of Wooster remained a special place for Ruth. From 1994 to 2015, she served on the Board of Trustees. The College of Wooster is

currently constructing the Ruth W. Williams Hall of Science.

Ruth is survived by her husband Morris, daughters Susan Beltz and Joanne Markman, sons-in-law Kevin Beltz and Gary Markman, and grandchildren Kelsey and James Beltz, and Ethan and Chase Markman.

A celebration of Ruth's life will be held at 10:30 AM on Saturday, May 21 at Gladwyne Presbyterian Church.

Gifts in memory of Ruth may be made to Vox Ama Deus: P.O. Box 2013 Gladwyne, PA 19035 or The College of Wooster: Office of Development, 304 Beall Avenue, Wooster, OH 44691.

# Previous Events

## Life Celebration

MAY **21**. 10:30 AM (ET)

Gladwyne Presbyterian Church  
1321 Beaumont Drive  
Gladwyne, PA