



## Ruby Lillian Speer

March 30, 1923 - June 10, 2015

Ruby Lillian Speer, 92, of Summerville, wife of Richard I. Speer, passed away on Wednesday, June 10, 2015 at The Village of Summerville.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, June 13, 2015 at 2 o'clock PM at The Village of Summerville Chapel, 201 W. 9th N. Street, Summerville. A private graveside service will be held at Dorchester Memory Gardens.

Ruby was born on March 30, 1923 in Phoenix, AZ daughter of the late Albert and Pearl Anne Morden. She graduated from the School of Nursing in Little Rock, AK where she received her degree as a registered nurse. Ruby was a veteran of the United States Navy where she served as a nurse in Bethesda, MD. She also worked at the Veteran's Hospital where she worked with military servicemen who had been injured. She then retired after 35 years as a Labor and Delivery nurse, most of those years served at Tallahassee Memorial in Tallahassee, FL. She was present for the birth of all five of her grandchildren. Ruby loved the beach, loved her lipstick and loved movie nights where she enjoyed her Champagne and Red Wine and wearing Lilly Pulitzer. She also enjoyed doing crossword puzzles and watching her favorite game show, Jeopardy. She was an avid Arkansas Razorback and Florida State Seminole fan. She was known for her great sense of humor. Most importantly she loved being with her family and friends. The family would like to extend a special thank you to all of the physicians, nurses and all of the wonderful caregivers who cared for our Mother and Grandmother during her golden years.

Surviving in addition to her husband Richard of 66 years who was the love of

her life are: two children: Richard "Dick" Speer (Kathy) of Tallahassee, FL and Betty Spicer of Summerville; six grandchildren: Brandon Speer, Kristien Pagan (Miguel), Bret Spicer (Shannon), Stacey Smith (Drew) and Lisa Holcombe (Daniel), Bridget Royster (Ricky); nine great grandchildren: Jace Speer, Annelise and Spicer Pagan, Lillian and Lila Ruby Holcombe, Andrew and Hayes Smith, Liam Speer and Cooper Royster; brother: Alvin Morden; nephew: John Morden (Sue); sister in law: Jean Largent. She was predeceased by her son in law, Cmdr. Allen Spicer, sisters, Mary Reque, Ruth Darnell and Susan Taylor, brothers, Col. Roy Morden and John Morden. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, P.O. Box 1000, Dept. 142, Memphis, TN 38101-9908. A memorial message may be sent to the family by visiting our website at [www.jamesadyal.com](http://www.jamesadyal.com).

ARRANGEMENTS BY JAMES A. DYAL FUNERAL HOME, 303 S. MAIN STREET, SUMMERVILLE, SC 29483 (843) 873-4040

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ruby Lillian Speer*

September 29, 2022 at 10:11 AM



“ *Richard and Family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time in the passing of your father and the recent passing of your mother. May God comfort all of you now and in the days to come in the adjusting to life without your parents. Tom and Marjorie Moody*

June 24, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Richard and family, we are sorry to hear of Ruby's death. She remains in our hearts as a part of Oakdale Street.*

**Linda Mabry** - June 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *A classy, fun lady and wonderful labor and delivery nurse... I loved working with her as a graduate nurse!*

**Debbie Pedersen** - June 13, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Ruby was like a second mom to me growing up in Orlando, Fl. She will be missed by all, I'm sure.*

**Patti Biron** - June 13, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ Ruby was a classy, fun lady and a wonderful labor and delivery nurse...I loved working with her as a graduate nurse and learned so much from her!

Debbie Pedersen - June 13, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Loved the laughs and fond memories of Ruby. She was a special lady and nurse. I enjoyed the many years we shared together in Labor and Delivery at TMH. My thoughts and prayers go out to her family. She will be missed.

Beverly Smith - June 13, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ Richard, Dick and Betty my heart grives with you because Ruby was special to me also, you know I work for her and Dick your mom was a very sweet person think it not strange that she fell on my mind so heavy Wed. I guess that was her good by. I will always remember her beautiful face and I am glade to see you use one of my favorite pictures of her, I tell Ruby how pretty she was and that she should have been in the movies. My our Heavenly Father keep us covered in his blood for one sweet we will be with her again God bless you all????

Alma Pye - June 13, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ I met Mr and Mrs Speer while working with Dr Joe Hughes and Dr Larry Weaver. I truly adored Mrs Speer and will always be grateful for the joy that she brought to me throughout the many years I worked with Dr Hughes and Dr Weaver. Mr Speer, Dick, and Brandon, please know that I send each of you my love, my prayers, and my very deepest sympathy.Fondly,Emma Lou

Emma Lou Brogdon - June 13, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ Ruby was a major mentor to me and SO MANY other Labor and Delivery RN's. She willingly shared her skills and wisdom with the next generation of nurses, and as a result thousands of moms and babies benefited. I saw her from time to time at our hairdresser's while they were still in Tallahassee, and thought of her often after they moved away. She will be missed and fondly remembered.

Barbara Hatch - June 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ Ruby was such a wonderful nurse and friend. She took me under her wing and showed me the "ropes" of working in L&D with her gentle sense of humor! And boy, could she talk FSU football like nobody's business! You will be missed.

Christine - June 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ I'll never forget Ruby! My teacher/mentor/dear friend since I started in L&D at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital in 1976! RIP, dear friend! I'll see you again one fine day! Love, Melanie Lindsey, Tallahassee, FL

June 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ I worked with Ruby in labor and delivery for many years and she taught me so much. She was an excellent nurse and love to be around her. She touched my heart and we learn to love her.

Shirley Peters - June 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM