



Maryella Bruton Cameron

February 22, 1942 - April 23, 2021

Maryella Bruton Cameron, 79, of Apex, NC passed away peacefully at home on Friday, April 23, 2021 after a courageous battle with cancer. A native of Mount Gilead, NC, Maryella was the daughter of the late Ella Harris Bruton and Clay Livingston Bruton. She was born in Montgomery County, NC and was a graduate of Mount Gilead High School. Maryella treasured her lifelong friendships with her high school classmates.

Maryella loved to learn—even after graduating from UNCG in 1964, her thirst for knowledge kept her seeking out new information; she thought that the invention of Google was the best thing ever! Maryella and Hugh enjoyed traveling together and she would extensively research locations before their many trips. She was also a master seamstress and children’s clothing designer; learning about heirloom sewing and machine embroidery was one of her favorite ways to spend a useful day in her sewing room. In her retirement years, Maryella managed the Bruton family business on Lake Tillery.

Maryella’s love for learning was mirrored by her love for teaching. Working with students to gain confidence in public speaking, teaching grandchildren to bake and sew, creating “teachable moments” out of everyday events, and mentoring younger coworkers---she poured out her love and energy into helping others discover their potential. Being married to a United Methodist pastor meant that Maryella lived in quite a few different towns throughout her

adult life, therefore, she was blessed with many special friendships in each place she lived. Maryella and Hugh chose to retire in Apex and lived there for the longest period of their married lives, developing cherished friendships through their involvement in Apex United Methodist Church.

Maryella was preceded in death by her parents, siblings, and daughter, Catherine Lee Cameron and we are confident in the joyous family reunion in heaven as they celebrated her homecoming. The most important part of Maryella's life was her family. In addition to her loving husband of 57 years, Hugh, she is survived by two dear daughters and sons-in-law: Betsy and Eric Tang of Kernersville, and Julie and Jeff Oram of Apex, plus her "work daughter", Leigh Roach (Andy). She also leaves behind the best part of her later years, 6 precious grandchildren: Ashley Tang-Halverson (Isaac), Kristen Gates (Cameron), Rachel Tang, Abby Cameron, Cameron Oram, and Sol Oram. In addition, Maryella loved and was loved by numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews. Maryella lived a life "well-loved".

A private funeral service celebrating her life will be held Tuesday, April 27 at 11:00am at Apex United Methodist Church with Rev. Laura Katherine Stern and Rev. Gray Southern officiating the service. Seating capacity is limited due to COVID restrictions, therefore friends are invited to view the service online at <https://youtu.be/paAEayAeeC0>

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Apex UMC Music Program at 100 South Hughes St, Apex, NC 27502 or to Transitions Lifecare at 250 Hospice Circle, Raleigh, NC 27607.

Previous Events

Private Memorial Service

APR **27**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Apex United Methodist Church
100 S Hughes St.
Apex, NC 27502

Tribute Wall

ET

“*Mrs. Cameron was a blessing to our church, Centenary United Methodist Church in Smithfield, in many ways. When her husband was pastor of Hay Street United Methodist Church in Fayetteville, her eldest daughter was married there at the church. We wore green bridesmaid dresses at Christmastime as bridesmaids, and she hosted a bridesmaids' luncheon at the parsonage there at the time.*”



Elizabeth Anne Temple - May 02, 2021 at 11:51 AM

SS

“*I remember how sweet your mom was on your wedding day. I am so sorry for your loss. I will be praying for you and your family.*”

Shelly Shelton - April 27, 2021 at 01:18 AM

JU

“*Andrew, the boys and I were so sorry to hear of Maryella's passing. She was such a positive influence on so many and very much loved. We are praying for you, Hugh, and the rest of the family as I know her loss is significant to you especially.*
Andrew, Julie, Alex, and Hayden Brown”

julie.brown@godshall.com - April 26, 2021 at 02:45 PM

GL

“ We have so many fond memories of Maryella and you during your ministry at MtSylvan and are deeply saddened to hear of her passing. Hugh, you were a wonderful ministry couple, who’s time with us will never be forgotten and forever appreciated. God bless you and all of your family during this difficult time. May you have peace and know the comfort of our Lord forevermore.
George & Nedra Laing

George & Nedra Laing - April 26, 2021 at 02:13 PM

TH

“ Nick and I are so sorry for your loss. Cousin Maryella was a wonderful example of someone who gave so much of herself for her entire life. She was smart, kind, and always active! She is someone we can all admire and strive to emulate. Love and prayers for all of you, Nick and Tamara Harty

Tamara Harty - April 26, 2021 at 09:59 AM

MW

“ Hugh and Family: My heart is broken to hear of Maryella’s passing. We were childhood friends at church, UMYF and all through school in Mt Gilead. I got a hug from her a couple of years ago when I was at Lake Tillery.
My deepest sympathy to all of you. I will always remember her as my friend.
Love, Martha Ann Lake Windley

Martha L Windley - April 25, 2021 at 01:42 PM

LK

“ *The joy MaryElla brought to my life will not be forgotten. She is the reason I work in the Senior Living industry and love what I do. A love for others is a legacy she leaves that is unmatched by any words I can say about her.*

I am thankful to have been a part of her life for the past 48 years. Offering comfort and strength during your time of need.

*Love,
Lisa Kistler*

Lisa Kistler - April 25, 2021 at 11:16 AM

PB

“ *I am so saddened and devastated to see the obituary of Maryella. My family was talking yesterday about the Three Bars Ranch where we met Maryella and Hugh when they tried to enter our cabin by mistake (it was a very funny moment and we made a friendship immediately). She was a very classy and special lady, and so glad we kept in touch thru Facebook. Our deepest condolences to you all. Your friends, Perry, Paula and Tyler Balascak, Maple Ridge, British Columbia, Canada*

Paula Balascak - April 24, 2021 at 10:05 PM

DC

“ *Having read the obituary and having been introduced through Bible Study Fellowship to her daughter, Betsy, I have no doubt Mrs. Cameron will be missed. But knowing she's a Believer in Jesus Christ, she has entered into an eternal rest and is with her Lord and Savior. For this I give God glory!*

Deborah Cunningham - April 24, 2021 at 08:41 PM

TB

“ Our deepest condolences to you all.. Mary Ella was a special lady and she will be greatly missed by so many. Love and prayers
Tommy,Mandy Thomas & Kendall

Tommy &mandy bruton - April 24, 2021 at 07:24 PM

BM

Hugh, I am sorry to hear of Maryella's passing. Sympathies to you and your family.

Brookshire Wynne McDonald

Brookshire McDonald - May 18, 2021 at 01:45 PM

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Brookshire Wynne McDonald

Brookshire McDonald - May 18, 2021 at 01:50 PM