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Mrs. Martin, age 90, died December 15, 2021 at the Woodlands of Furman in Greenville, SC. She succumbed after a long struggle with Alzheimer’s.

Born January 7, 1930 in Shady Dale, GA, Carolyn was the daughter of the late Ben Dayton Newton and Mary Virginia Blackwell Newton. She has one sister, Bennie Katheryn Newton Connelly formerly of Monticello, GA now residing in Greensboro.

Carolyn was married for 57 years to Alton L. Martin Sr. until his death April 7, 2011.

Carolyn was the Valedictorian of her graduating class at Monticello GA High School in 1946. She received a Bachelor of Science degree from GA State College for Women, Milledgeville, GA in 1950 and her Master’s degree in Business Administration from Winthrop College, while teaching at Indian Land High School in Lancaster County, South Carolina. She taught high school business machines and short hand, and was also honored as a Teacher of the Year during her tenure.

Carolyn and Al made their first home in Atlanta, GA and thereafter in Cincinnati, Ohio; Portsmouth, Ohio; Trenton, Michigan and Fort Mill, South Carolina. Carolyn was a devoted mother and accomplished homemaker. She was gifted with an ability to sew and she made many of her daughters clothing for special occasions. In her younger years, she enjoyed playing scrabble and bridge.

She is survived by her daughters Ginny Martin Ruffner of Seattle, WA; Kay Martin Argroves (Barry) of Madison, GA; Melinda Martin Jester of Cape Canaveral, FL; and son Alton L Martin, Jr (Laura) of Greenville, SC. In addition, she is survived by seven grandchildren she loved dearly: Nathan and Lindsey Argroves, Ben and Olivia Jester; Alton III, Mary Carolyn and C. Rosser Martin.

A graveside service will be held at 11:30 A.M, on Tuesday December 21, 2021 due to COVID concerns.

In lieu of flowers please make a donation to the charity of your choice.

Jordan Funeral Home Monticello is in charge of arrangements.