



Ruth E. Ball Boyd

November 12, 1924 - January 10, 2018

Ruth E. Ball Boyd, of Springdale, AR, departed this life on Wednesday, January 10, 2018, surrounded in love by family and caring medical staff. Ruth was an amazing person, a remarkable lady, loving mother, and grandmother. She was gentle in spirit; loved life, family and friends. She was one of the strongest women ever known who cared deeply for her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and her siblings. She always had a welcoming smile when people entered her life, home, or surroundings. She loved her church family, both Church of Christ and Baptist. Ruth was born November 12, 1924, in George, Arkansas, the fourth of 13 children of Ray and Ova May Newberry Smith. Ruth was preceded in death by the love of her life, the father of her children, Nolan Ball; her son Waymon M. Ball in 1966; Jack Boyd, whom she married on May 13, 1989; great-grand-daughter, Kylie Norris; and daughter-in-law, Louise Ball. She is survived by her children, George A. Ball of Lowell; June B. Ball and Bob Scott of Rogers; Phyllis and Ron Sisk of Huntsville; Steve Ball and his significant other, Lana, of Springdale; and adopted daughter, Alberta Homola-Shepard of Huntsville. Three brothers, Art and Dixie Smith of Springdale; E. Joe Smith of Jenks, OK; and Cecil L. Smith of Benton, IL; two sisters, Mary Lois Cobb of Scottsdale, AZ; and Cormal and Roger McMahan of Alpena; and three sisters-in-law, Rose Hallstone of Brentwood, CA; Lee King of Concord, CA; and Rose Smith of Green Forest, AR; grandchildren, Jeff and Kelly Ball of Lowell; Sheila Norris of Springdale; and Bob's children, Beverly, Debbie, Sheryl, Phyllis' children,

Lorinda Coger and Matthew Coger, Mark and Diana Turner, Amanda and Tim Epling, Lovie and John Epling of Huntsville, and Steve's daughter, Stephanie and Dusty Maupin of Hindsville. She had many great and great-great grandchildren along with many other friends and relatives. Mother loved going to the Senior Center, playing bingo, having lunch with the Red Hatters, sewing, quilting, crocheting, and bowling for some 25 plus years. She loved genealogy, and had the memory of an elephant of which everyone was amazed. She was an active Republican throughout her life. Visitation will be from noon to 2:00 PM followed by the Memorial Service at 2:00 PM on Saturday, January 13, 2018; at Brashears Funeral Home in Huntsville, AR and burial will follow at Ledbetter Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the American Kidney Foundation in honor of Nolan Ball.

Tribute Wall

AS

“ *I grew up with Jack Boyd---Ruth was always a lady and always Ruth*

A.T. Smith - January 18, 2018 at 12:00 AM

D(

“ *So sorry.Prayers for the family!*

Doris (Gossett)Baldwin - January 14, 2018 at 12:00 AM

PT

“ *From my mother (Enard Villines). She wanted to come but due to age and cold we felt she should not. Her heart is with you all in your loss. She was very happy she had got to visit with Ruth at the reunion.*

Paulette Thompson - January 14, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ *i just found out and i'm so sorry . hugs and prayers to you all, i will truly miss her and our craft time. God bless.*

Janice Davis - January 13, 2018 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ *Sending lots of prayers love you guys !*

Tawnya Huffman - January 13, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ *So sorry for your loss of such a dear, sweet lady.*

Jo Ellen Mac Lean - January 13, 2018 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ I am deeply sorry to hear of your loss. No one can replace you mom, but God can comfort your heart. Praying for you.

Clyla Carroll - January 13, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ June, Steve, Lana and Family. Sorry for your loss. Praying for God to comfort you.

Jo Ann Smith - January 13, 2018 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Prayers for God's comfort and peace during this time for your family.

Renee Mason - January 12, 2018 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ My deepest condolences to family, and friends

Kevin Wilson - January 12, 2018 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ I am so sorry, She was a great lady.

Ruth G. Collier - January 12, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Ruth was such a wonderful sweet lady! Our prayers got out to all of her family and friends.

Jason and Lorra Stout - January 11, 2018 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ June, My deepest condolences to you and the family. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Renae and family

Renae (Dennis) Smith - January 11, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Our deepest condolences and prayers for comfort to the entire family. Dean and Shannon Booher, Kay Stewart, and the staff of Spanker Creek Auction

Dean and Shannon Booher - January 11, 2018 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ I think of you as an older sister. Always so good to me. You were always there for me. We laughed together. I loved you very much. Lee ❤️

Lee Ball King - January 11, 2018 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ I loved my sister in law Ruth so much. She helped me as a young woman to learn so many things I needed to know as a mother and wife. Over the years I admired her big heart and strength many times. Even after my brother died, we remained close. I know if anyone goes to Heaven, she is surely there. I like to think she is reunited with all her loved ones who have gone before. She will be missed and loved always.

Rose E. Hallstone - January 11, 2018 at 12:00 AM

TV

“ June, George, Phyllis and Steve, We are thinking of you all and praying for your Mom's Heavenly Father to give you peace and wonderful memories. We enjoyed knowing her and having the friendship of you kids. Your Friend, T.Wayne

T. Wayne Vanhook - January 11, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ I am so sorry to hear about Ruth's passing. She was such a sweet lady, and I have good memories of her and my grandmother, Alma Seals, being together. I pray that you will treasure the good memories of her life.

Debbie Holt - January 11, 2018 at 12:00 AM

BJ

“ May the memories of your loved one soften your sorrow.

Barbara Johnson - January 11, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ I did not live near you, however, you left a wonderful impression on me when I was there visiting. You seemed to do it all and do it well...daughter, wife, mother, sister, sister in-law, grandma, great grandma, ggma, aunt, etc... as well as worker, farmer, quilter, care taker and so much more. I found this for you and hopefully to give your loved ones some comfort from John 14: 1-3 Do not let your hearts be troubled troubled. You believe in God, believe also in me. My father's house has many rooms; If that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. <3

Marilee King - January 11, 2018 at 12:00 AM

RU

“ *What a special lady that loved her family and friends. Oh how she will be missed.*

Ruth - January 11, 2018 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you. So sorry for your loss.*

Sherman and Donna Phillips - January 11, 2018 at 12:00 AM