



Ruth Ellen Ross

September 23, 1946 - November 16, 2024

Ruth Ellen Ross passed from life through death to gloriously abundant life on Saturday, November 16, 2024, from complications due to Parkinson's Disease.

She leaves behind two sisters, Mary (Walter) and Rebekah; sister-in-law, Cathy; three nephews, Peter (Kim), Joshua (April), and Samuel; and three nieces, Hannah (David), Holly (Josh) and Annie; and very special friends, Alice Hurley, Donna Carter, and Sandy Partelow to celebrate her life of service and encouragement.

Born on September 23, 1946, Ruth was the oldest child of the late Vincent R. and Mildred Ross of Dayton, Tennessee. She is predeceased by her brother Peter.

Ruth graduated from Rhea Central High School and obtained her undergraduate degree in education from Bryan College and her Master's degree in education from Tennessee Tech. Ruth taught in the Rhea County and Hamilton County school systems for over 30 years. She loved it when her students learned and grew in maturity under her instruction.

More than anything on this earth, Ruth loved Jesus Christ and was so grateful that He forgave her sins and promised her new life with a new body (2

Corinthians 5). She worked diligently to be an example of Christ to everyone she encountered.

Her family celebrates her life well lived and will honor her with the receiving of friends at Vanderwall Funeral Home, Dayton, Tennessee, beginning at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 19, 2024. A Celebration of Ruth's life will follow at 4:00 p.m. She will be laid to rest in Rhea Memory Gardens in Dayton with a private family service.

The family expresses much appreciation to the staff members of Hospice of Chattanooga, Pam McAllister of Cornerstone Caregiving, and Gooden's Compassionate Care for all the excellent care she received.

Memorial contributions to the Parkinson's Foundation, North River Church, or Signal Mountain Bible Church are encouraged to be made in her honor.

Please share your memories and photos of Ruth on her online guest register at www.vanderwallfh.com.

The family is being cared for by Vanderwall Funeral Home in Dayton, Tennessee.

Cemetery Details

Rhea Memory Gardens

Hwy 27
Dayton, TN

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 19. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Vanderwall Funeral Home
164 Maple St
Dayton, TN 37321
(423) 775-2662

Funeral Service

NOV 19. 4:00 PM (ET)

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Burial

NOV 19 (ET)

Rhea Memory Gardens
Hwy 27
Dayton, TN

Tribute Wall

ST

“ Miss Ross was my 5th grade teacher and my Sunday School teacher. She was always kind and caring. I have wonderful memories of her taking our Sunday school class to the Singing Christmas Tree performance each year at the Tivoli Theater with hot fudge cake at Shoney’s after! I loved her dearly and send my prayers to her family.

Susie Tucker - November 30, 2024 at 06:08 PM

TF

“ Ms. Ross was definitely one of my favorite teachers. She was my 5th grade teacher at Dayton City School. I will always remember how kind she was and I will always remember her mother bringing us cupcakes for a classmates birthday. She was exactly what a teacher should be and any young teachers should strive to be more like her. Rest in peace Ms. Ross, this student will always and forever remember you and speak very highly of you.



Teresa (Harris) Farrar - November 22, 2024 at 09:41 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ruth Ellen Ross.



November 19, 2024 at 11:57 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ruth Ellen Ross.

November 19, 2024 at 11:57 AM



“ I miss you so much love you

Tyler Parker - November 19, 2024 at 10:02 AM



“ Aunt Ruth, you have always been so special to me. I'm so blessed to have you as such a huge part of my life. My kids are blessed to have been able to know you and love you. You will be so missed but I know that you are no longer in pain and now you are in the arms of Jesus. I look forward to the day that I will be able to hug you again and tell you how much we love you. ❤️ your niece, Hannah



Hannah Wooden - November 19, 2024 at 08:33 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Ruth Ellen Ross.



November 18, 2024 at 06:17 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ruth Ellen Ross.

November 18, 2024 at 06:17 PM



“ *Ruth always communicated the love and peace of Christ. May the circle be unbroken at the Great Reunion.*

This is an early picture of Mom (Vivian Ross) with Mary & Ruth.



Richard Ross - November 18, 2024 at 04:45 PM

EL

mary is my grandma and my great aunt ruth was incredible

Easton Lanford - November 19, 2024 at 06:46 AM



Was pleased to meet you Cousin Easton. Your Grandma and Great Aunt Ruth were daughters of my Uncle Vinny (your Great Grandpa). He was my Dad's younger brother. My Dad was Craig Ross; your Great Uncle.

Richard Ross - November 20, 2024 at 08:24 AM

BM

“ *Miss Ross was my 5th grade teacher.....I think it was her first year at Dayton City School.....loved her! She was an amazing woman who truly loved her students.*



Bimbo McCawley - November 18, 2024 at 02:34 PM

LC

It is always wonderful to know of a Teacher's influence on her students! Knowing that both teacher & student, in this case, turned out successfully only intensifies or amplifies those caring hearts' echoes throughout our community!! So grateful to remember Ruth & her families influence & friendship throughout the generations & lifetime! May Jesus be glorified & honored!!!

Lynda Cather - November 20, 2024 at 09:31 AM

LC

The Ross family & Cather family have known & cared for each other since our parents met & worked together @ Bryan College in the early 60's!

Lynda Cather - November 20, 2024 at 09:34 AM

NT

“ *Condolences to the Ross and Van Dusen families from NFD Peer Support Team.*



NFD Peer Support Team - November 18, 2024 at 02:18 PM

KM

“ *We so enjoyed getting to know and love Ruth and her sister, Rebekah, while we were at North River! We enjoyed small group Bible studies together as well as precious friendship & fellowship! Even in the midst of suffering & caregiving, Ruth & Rebekah remained positive & were thinking of others! May our Lord be Comforter & Peace to Rebekah & family! We know Ruth has heard, "Well done!"*

karla mabee - November 18, 2024 at 11:55 AM

PL

While we mourn Ruth's passing, we know she is rejoicing to be reunited with Pa and Granny. May you all be comforted with the rich legacy she has left. Ruth's heart desire was for her family to know and serve the Lord with their whole lives so they may also hear the "well done, good and faithful servant" welcome from Jesus. Love each of you, and we are so sorry to miss the service. ❤️ ❤️

Phil and Darlene Lestmann - November 18, 2024 at 12:14 PM