



Ruby Donaldson Wilkerson

February 14, 1925 - August 30, 2021

Ruby Mae Donaldson Wilkerson was born to Nellie Cannon and Thomas Donaldson on February 14, 1925, in Harriman, Tennessee. She lived most of her adult life in Philadelphia, Tennessee. She passed into eternity on August 30, 2021, while living with her daughter and son-in-law in Cordova, Tennessee. She was 96 years old at the time of her death.

Known to her older friends as "Jim", she was a beautiful person and loved everyone. Everyone she met, she loved. And, oh, how she loved to hug! She was a generous Christian woman who loved her family dearly. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and sister.

Ruby accepted Christ as Savior at an early age and served her Lord faithfully. She was a dedicated member at Harmons's Chapel Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia, was ordained an Elder there, and remained a member until Harmon's Chapel was closed. She moved her membership to Mt. Cumberland Presbyterian Church and served as an Elder there also. She served faithfully in Hiwassee Presbytery and Tennessee Synod, and attended meetings of the General Assembly annually until her health deteriorated. She moved to Cordova, Tennessee in 2021 to live with her daughter and son-in-law and became an active member of the Mt. Tabor Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Jackson, Tennessee.

Professionally, Ruby was employed 35 years at Oak Ridge National Laboratories as a Laboratory Technician.

She was preceded in death by her husband of sixty years, Floyd Robert

Wilkerson; her parents, Nellie and Thomas Donaldson; sister, Ruth Elizabeth Huff; brothers - Howard, Bill, Cleatus, and Thurman.

She is survived by her daughter, Patricia Ruth Wilkerson Wood; a son-in-law, Rev. Dr. R. Stanley Wood; a grandson, Kevin Stuart (Lisa) Wood; a granddaughter, Diantha Celia Wood; one great-grandson, Lance Christopher Wood; a brother-in-law, Robert Eugene Wilkerson; three sisters-in-law, Betty Wilkerson, Jean Wilkerson, Laura Wilkerson; and a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Previous Events

Fuernal Service

SEP 4. 1:00 PM (ET)

Sweetwater Memory Chapel
P.O. Box 201
1838 Highway 11 North
Sweetwater, TN 37874
(423) 337-7773
<https://www.kykerfuneralhomes.com>

Burial

SEP 4 (ET)

Sweetwater Memorial Park
1838 Hwy 11 N
Sweetwater, TN 37874

Tribute Wall

MB

“ Mrs. Wilkerson was a beautiful, Christian woman. She was supported of me when I graduated high school and decided to go to college at Bethel College (now called Bethel University). She was happy when I got a job in Oak Ridge. She said I was following her. I never knew until then that she also worked in Oak Ridge. Rest in Peace beautiful.lady. You were a good and faithful servant. Time to get you reward.

Melissa Bailey Billibgsley - September 03, 2021 at 01:04 PM

SH

“ Ms. Ruby was such a fine lady in every sense of the word. Always has a smile and a kind word. She could make a apple cake like you wouldn't believe. Heaven truly gained a special angel.

Susan Hill Harrison - September 01, 2021 at 09:45 PM

LB

“ The first time I met her was in Mr. A.J. Wallace's office when I was 19. I loved her immediately and loved to hear her laugh. I stopped by her house once while she was sitting on the porch. We had the best time!

louise barnes - September 01, 2021 at 03:41 PM

LJ

“ Mrs Ruby was one of the finest Christian ladies I have ever know. She was a customer at the cosmetology in Sweetwater. We loved to be around her and her positive sweet personality. RIP sweet precious lady.
Linda Jenkins



Linda Jenkins - September 01, 2021 at 11:59 AM

DW

Thank you for kind words about my grandmother

Diantha Wood - September 01, 2021 at 12:53 PM

DW

Mrs Ruby was a beautiful person! Always greeted you with a hug & kiss! Rest well our good and faithful servant.

D. Kay Wood - September 01, 2021 at 09:33 PM

RU

*Mrs. Ruby Wilkerson was one of the most loved Christian women that I knew as I was growing up. I could always count on seeing her at the local Church Homecomings. She would always greet me with that beautiful smile and firm hug. If she saw me before I saw her she would call me by my nickname and fall out laughing. She was so kind and pleasant to be around. I know her family will miss her dearly.
Condolences to the family.
Ronald & Almeda Upton*

Ronald H. Upton - September 03, 2021 at 03:01 PM

CH

Will be truly missed was such a sweet sweet lady. Always had a beautiful smile.

Carthel & Linda Hill - September 03, 2021 at 07:15 PM