



Stella Ruth Douglas Riley

January 2, 1926 - August 31, 2016

Stella Ruth Douglas Riley, age 90, of Ten Mile, Tennessee, went home to be with her Lord at 11:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 31, 2016.

Stella Ruth was born January 2, 1926 in Jellico, Tennessee, to Maude and John L. Douglas. She moved to Knoxville, Tennessee to live with her brother, J.V. Doan, Sr. and his wife, Lillie Mae and became a very important part of their family. She was like a sister to their son, J.V. Jr. and like a mother to their two daughters, Libby and Sharon. She attended Skaggston Elementary School and graduated from Central High School. After graduation she worked in Doan's Grocery and later managed Jefferson Avenue Food Market in Knoxville. In 1959, she went to work with her nephew, Dr. J.V. Doan, Jr. at Four Way Inn, in the Carter Community. She soon became a certified dental assistant.

In 1976, she married Bill Riley and became an important part of his family. They resided in Ten Mile, Tennessee. There she became a very active member of the Luminary Methodist Church. She especially enjoyed her Sunday school class making many life long friends including Margaret Lovett, Betty Collier, and Faye Long. This year, at her church, she celebrated her 90th birthday with relatives, church family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Bill and her nine

siblings.

She is survived by: three step-children, Linda Jones and husband Jim, June Atchley, Bill, Jr. and wife Pat; seven step-grandchildren; eleven step-great grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews; great; great great; and great, great, great nieces and nephews. Her nephew, J.V. and her great niece, Terri Doan Geiser, ministered to her in a special way as her caregivers.

On Saturday, September 3, 2016, the family will be receiving friends from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Luminary United Methodist Church. The service will begin there at 7:00 p.m. Graveside services will be at the Kingston Memorial Gardens, at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Luminary United Methodist Church.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 3. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Luminary United Methodist Church
3401 River Road
Ten Mile, TN 37880

Service

SEP 3. 7:00 PM (ET)

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3401 River Road
Ten Mile, TN 37880

Burial

SEP 4. 4:00 PM (ET)

Kingston Memorial Gardens
123 Oak Drive
Kingston, TN 37763

Tribute Wall

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“ Although I didn't have much time with her, this lady was always a ray of sunshine to be with. I know the families have been blessed with the influence and love she shared. God is gaining another beam of light. Rest well, Aunt Ruth...I love you.

Bruce Swafford

Bruce Swafford - September 03, 2016 at 03:39 PM

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“ Fran Brock & Jim Kincaid purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Stella Ruth Douglas Riley.



Fran Brock & Jim Kincaid - September 03, 2016 at 10:56 AM

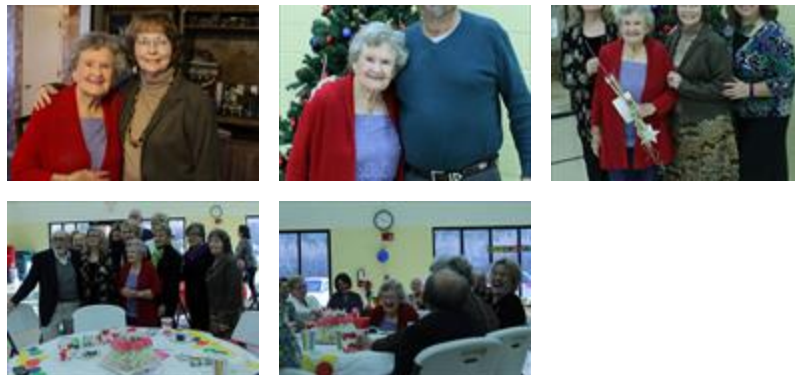
Dale N
Mimi
Redick

“ Aunt Ruth has been an integral part of my life since I was born. She cared for me when I was very little and rescued me from many of my misdeeds. She was patient with me and lots of fun. As I grew up she remained an important part of my life keeping in touch and many kindness through the years. Aunt Ruth loved to philosophize and was one of the most intelligent women I have ever known. She also was practical. But, it was her caring heart that stands out to me. She never wanted people to do for her, but it was always her goal to help others. She was stubborn and independent, loving and kind! I have memories of traveling with her, my aunt Libby and my mom. We had so much fun. We cooked in our room, enjoyed sights, and just had family fun. Our last time to connect was this past July. We just sat on the couch and she filled in missing gaps of my understanding of our family tree. She shared little stories and memories with me. Aunt Ruth was about the cutest person I have ever known. She was cute in appearance and in her personality. I love her! She knew the Lord as her personal Saviour and did what she could to serve Him with her life. Earth has lost a treasure and Heaven is far richer for her being there!

Dale N Mimi Redick - September 02, 2016 at 09:39 PM

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Redick

“ 7 files added to the tribute wall



Dale N Mimi Redick - September 02, 2016 at 09:31 PM



“ Want to let you know how sorry I am for your lost. My mother was Sadie Jones aunt Ruth's sister. I had not seen her since uncle Raymond's funeral. My prayers and thoughts are with you through this time.

Love you all,, Shirley Jones

Shirley Jones - September 02, 2016 at 09:18 PM



“ Stella was so caring and loving and everyone who had the pleasure of meeting her already knows this. She did so much for so many people and never expected anything in return. My mom (Linda Jones) would go visit her often and looked so forward to those visits because she said Stella always made their shopping trips together 'so much fun - never a dull moment!' Stella always made her feel welcomed and at home. I believe Stella made everyone she met feel that way. That's just how she was. Stella will be missed more than my words can say!

Terri Edwards (Jones)
and Breana

Terri - September 01, 2016 at 07:31 PM



Aunt Ruth was a big part of my summer vacations to Knoxville every summer. Some how we never think of our loved ones getting older. She was one of my Mom's favorite family member as my Mom's name was also Ruth. The family will miss her. Thinking of J.V. Libby and Sharon today feeling sad for all of you. Fran Brock (first cousin to J.V. Libby and Sharon)

Fran Brock - September 03, 2016 at 10:04 AM

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Although "Aunt Ruth" was an aunt to my first cousins (J.V., Libby and Sharon) through their dad's line and not through our BROCK line (their mom) ... she still felt like family to all of us BROCKs. I always enjoyed seeing her at our BROCK Family Reunion each June in TN. We missed her this year! While we will miss that sweet smile and personality, we know that she is celebrating in Heaven! One day, we'll see her again ... praying for all the family in her passing.

Donna (Brock) Strong

Donna (Brock) Strong - September 04, 2016 at 11:46 AM