



Ruth Merle (Amos) Box

October 25, 1928 - October 7, 2021

Ruth Merle (Amos) Box, 92, was born October 25, 1928, in Decatur, Arkansas to Earl and Merle (Barnes) Amos. The eldest of six children, she grew up working on her family's farm, and she became quite the basketball star in high school. In 1946, she married John Elvin Box, Jr. She went on to pursue a more than 40-year career in nursing while raising a beautiful family.

Ruth was a retired pulmonary nurse, one of the earliest employees of the Fayetteville Diagnostic Clinic. She began as an LPN and received her RN in 1985, at the age of 57. She received her nursing degree from the University of Arkansas, attending classes alongside her full-time nursing career. She loved telling the story of how she received an "A" in Golf – the only elective offered at 6:00 a.m. She proudly served patients, often after hours from home, until the age of 80. A former basketball player herself, she was a lifelong college sports fan – one of the biggest Arkansas Razorback fans ever!

Next to her family, Ruth's greatest passions were nursing and gardening. She bragged about Linda's newest adventures, and she was always quick to share Terry's progress as a dentist. She loved to tell people how her granddaughter Bradyn once said she was "addicted" to flowers; red geraniums were her favorite. And while she never quite understood what Amy does for a living (she would always ask, "What exactly do you do?"), she was nonetheless quick with praise.

Bradyn and Amy argued for years which of them was her favorite granddaughter. Each was certain, and vocally adamant, that she was – and to that, Ruth always just laughed, never actually confirming who that might be.

Ruth was wrapped in love and surrounded by family when she peacefully died on October 7, 2021, in Springdale, Arkansas. Ruth was preceded in death by her husband John, her parents, sisters Helen Florer, Elsie Carmical and Arlene Renner, and grandson Charles Christian Fairchild. She is survived by her brothers Gerald Amos and Nelson Amos, daughter Linda (Box) Kearbey of Springdale, Arkansas, son Terry G. Box of Wheeler,

Arkansas, granddaughters Amy A. Fairchild and Bradyn J. Box, both of Fayetteville, Arkansas.

Funeral services will be at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 14, 2021, at Central United Methodist Church in Fayetteville, Arkansas. Burial will follow at Fairview Memorial Gardens in Fayetteville.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in Ruth's name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, P.O. Box 50, Memphis TN 38101-9929 or to a charity of your choice in Ruth's name.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nelson-Berna Funeral Home and Crematory of Fayetteville, Arkansas.

Events

OCT **Funeral Service** 01:00PM - 02:00PM
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Central United Methodist Church Chapel
6 West Dickson, Fayetteville, AR, US

Comments



“ I always loved to visit with Ruth at choir at Central. I knew she loved nursing but had no idea she was a basketball player. She was a lovely lady.
Janet Cupit

Janet Cupit - October 16, 2021 at 10:43 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Ruth Merle (Amos) Box.



October 13, 2021 at 09:32 PM



“ Rose Romanesque Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ruth Merle (Amos) Box.



October 13, 2021 at 05:12 PM



“ I worked with Ruth many years ago at WRMC. She was truly a beautiful person inside and out. Heaven has gained a true angel. Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, but also leaves memories no one can steal! May happy memories help you through this difficult time. Mary Paxson

mary paxson - October 12, 2021 at 01:22 PM



“ Thank you so much for the beautiful words. Linda

linda kearbey - October 15, 2021 at 12:42 PM



“ Working with Ruth at FDC was a joy. She was the sweetest, kindest person. Her patients, doctors, and fellow employees all loved her. She always went far above and beyond but would never take the credit. Ruth's contributions to the annual Thanksgiving dinner we're always looked forward to. I'm positive Ruth is taking care of the angels in heaven while holding hands with John.

Kathy Zachry - October 12, 2021 at 01:10 PM



“ I loved reading this tribute about Ruth. She was such a warm and kind lady and will be remembered with lots of love. Your wonderful parents are together again.

Therese Ramsey - October 18, 2021 at 11:36 AM



“ Ruth helped me so much when I first started working at WRMC. Such a kind person!

Barbara Leonard - October 12, 2021 at 12:11 PM



“ Dear Family Members,
Please accept my heartfelt condolences for your loss. I truly admired and respected Ruth for the dedication and love she had for her family and nursing career. She was a beautiful, virtuous woman who touched others with her warm smile, compassionate hands, and excellent nursing skills. Years ago, when I worked with Ruth at WRMC, I told her that she was one of those nurses who had invisible wings. I believe she now has her visible wings, and heaven is blessed because she is there.
Mimi Mathis

Mimi Mathis - October 12, 2021 at 12:09 PM



“ So sad to hear of Ruth's passing. She was a wonderful person who was a joy to be around. i will remember the times with her in Central's choir. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

david hunt - October 12, 2021 at 11:00 AM