



## Ruth Schafer

March 12, 2021

Ruth Schafer's love of life didn't come to an end with her death. Ruth passed away on March 12, 2021 at the age of 83. Her loved ones will continue to honor her legacy by living their lives to the fullest.

Ruth was born in Texarkana, Arkansas to the late Robert E and Mary L Huddleston. She was a Registered Nurse. She graduated from St Edward Nursing School in 1959. Ruth worked in the field of geriatrics in the state of Texas until 1971 when she moved herself and her two daughters, the late Mary Joy Elzey of Bentonville and Martha Kay Grimes of Prairie Grove, to Fayetteville, where she was the Director of Nursing Services at Sunrise Manor Nursing Home and then, Geriatric Coordinator at Fayetteville City Hospital. This is where she met and married the late Carl B Schafer in 1988. With loving hands and beautiful heart she cared for and assisted many NWA residents through their final chapter of life.

The simplest pleasures in life brought great joy to Ruth. She loved worshiping the Lord at Wiggins Methodist church, and volunteering her time at Community Emergency Outreach. Her personality was contagious to everyone she met.

Ruth will truly be missed by her daughter Martha Kay, her granddaughter Monica Conley of Fayetteville and grandson George (Alicia) Carpenter of Elkins, great grandchildren Kearah Conley, Jaxon Conley, Bracus Carpenter and Kaylee Carpenter, brother John L (Nancy)Huddleston of Fayetteville, two nieces Margaret Snider of Ridgeland, MS and Cindy (Derek)Gleason of Fayetteville, and nephew Joe (Judy) Cohea of Lincoln.

Ruth will be laid to rest on Saturday, March 20, 2021 2pm at the Farmington, Arkansas Cemetery N. Double Springs Rd. In lieu of flowers, a donation can be made to Community Emergency Outreach at [CEOFAYETTEVILLE.ORG](http://CEOFAYETTEVILLE.ORG)

# Events

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**MAR** **Graveside** 02:00PM

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Farmington Cemetery

Farmington, AR, US

# Comments

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“ Healing Tears - Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Ruth Schafer.



March 19 at 11:32 AM

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“ Monica, Your mother and I were in the same class at St. Edward Mercy Hospital School of Nursing from 1956 to 1959. We lived in a dorm for our training years. Were wonderful years, we worked and studied hard, but still had a great time. There were 12 in our graduating class. She and I sent each other Christmas cards and talked on the phone a couple of times a year, our conversations would always go back to our years in training.

We did receive a good education. Ruth, may you rest in peace.

Theresa Wewers Boekholder  
Mountain Home AR 72653

**Theresa Boekholder** - March 18 at 02:35 PM

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“ Martha. I have such good memories of your you and Mother, growing up as I did with Sunrise Manor as a big part of my childhood, and babysitting with your child a couple of times. I remember Ruth being fun to visit with. I'll be thinking about you and your family as you cope with this loss.

Shelley Gordon Chavious- Linda Gordon's daughter.

**Shelley Chavious** - March 17 at 01:36 PM

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“ Simply Lily was purchased for the family of Ruth Schafer.



March 16 at 06:26 PM

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“ I am so sorry for your loss. I have so many memories of Grannie and Ruth Huddleston as I was growing up in a Hooks. And we visited with them in Texarkana after they moved from Hooks. For a long time I thought Grannie was really my grandmother! They were not related by blood, but by heart.... I loved hearing both of them talk. Ruth had the softest voice. Will be praying for y'all as you are going thru this difficult time.

Lila Raleigh Murray

**Lila Murray** - March 16 at 04:14 PM

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“ Ruth and my grandma Sharlene were best friends. They worked together years ago and I have grown up listening to stories about their shenanigans. My Nana said Ruth was the best boss. Ruth used to call me when she couldn't reach my Nana on the phone. She was always checking up on her. Ruth was the sweetest and touched so many lives. Prayers for the family during this time.

**Megan Stergen** - March 16 at 10:03 AM