



Ruth West

January 10, 1938 - August 20, 2024

Ruth West was born on January 10, 1938 in Fairburn, GA to William Brewster Dodson and Jewell Hudgens Dodson. She passed away peacefully on August 20, 2024, in Newnan, GA, at the age of 86. Ruth was a dedicated and hardworking individual who retired from the Fulton County Board of Education as an Administrative Assistant. She began her career at Campbell High School, where she also graduated.

She loved her family so much. She made sure we all had AAA, in case we got a flat tire in the middle of nowhere. Always had a stocking for each of us for Christmas with scratch off lottery tickets. Cooked some mean fried chicken and prepared a family favorite grape salad. She always made a point to say “I love you” at the end of every phone call.

Ruth loved the Lord with all her heart, and serving Him at Bethlehem Baptist Church was a joy in her life. Many will remember hearing her playing the organ, as she shared that gift for several decades.

Sharing her musical abilities was one of her favorite ways to connect friends in fun and fellowship. She and Gene established “Tuesday Night Cedar Grove Music” in 1989, and it continues to this day as a community gathering which is treasured by many friends she made over the years. There probably aren’t many friends and family that haven’t enjoyed hearing her play her upright

bass and sing bluegrass with various groups over the years.

Ruth is preceded in death by her beloved husband, Franklin E. "Gene" West, Sr. She leaves behind a loving family who will cherish her memory forever. Surviving family members include her daughter, Audrey Hope (Mike), and her son, Frank West (Susan). She was a proud grandmother to Kyle Hope (Viriya), Zach Hope (Stephanie), and Tyler West, and a great-grandmother to Colton, Evelyn, Elaina, and Graham Hope. Ruth is also survived by her sister, Mary Ann Jernigan (Ted), as well as many nieces, nephews, and extended family members.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, August 27, 2024, at 11 o'clock in the Chapel of Parrott Funeral Home. Interment will follow at Holly Hill Memorial Park. The family will receive friends on Monday evening from 4:00 until 7:00 p.m. at Parrott Funeral Home and Crematory.

Those wishing may sign the online guestbook at www.parrottfuneralhome.com. Ruth will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of Ruth West please visit our Sympathy Store.

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Cemetery Details

Holly Hill Memorial Park

359 W. Broad Street
Fairburn, GA 30213

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **26**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

AUG **27**. 11:00 AM.

Parrott Funeral Home Chapel

Tribute Wall



“ Parrott Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Ruth West



Parrott Funeral Home - August 27, 2024 at 02:32 PM

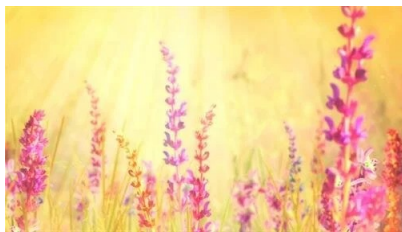
CW

Ruth West was like a second mother to me growing up. She was the kindest person ever. She will missed very much. I know she is singing with the angels in the presence of our Lord. ❤️

cindy scales waters - August 28, 2024 at 12:53 PM



“ Parrott Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ruth West



Parrott Funeral Home - August 23, 2024 at 08:31 PM

RS

Ruthie... is what I called you and even through I've only known you for a short while.. You've made a big impact on my heart. I'm still in disbelief you're gone and your presence is deeply missed by me. I now no longer have anyone to ask me "How's my hair in the back?"...or to ask "How do I look?".I'm grateful to have meet you.. til we meet again



Roysland Stewart - August 23, 2024 at 06:59 PM

DT

Rodney and Doris Turner will miss her soooo much, she always made family really important to her,all the times she had us in her home for Christmas get togethers it meant so much to us,love you Ruth

Doris Turner - August 28, 2024 at 01:50 PM

AN

“ I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Ms. Ruth. My parents, Wayne and Ann Nation were in the car club with Mr. Gene and Ms. Ruth back in the 90's. The enjoyed many car club meetings and car club shows together. Praying for peace for the family.

Anita L Nation - September 03, 2024 at 09:56 PM

DT

“ Doris Turner lit a candle in memory of Ruth West



Doris Turner - August 28, 2024 at 01:46 PM

EW

“ Audrey and Frank - I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your mother. I know she loved y'all very much. Vicki and I are praying for you during this difficult time. Eric Watts PHS 1978.

Eric Watts - August 27, 2024 at 04:40 PM

BG

“ Ruth was a dear lady; we are praying for her family during this time.

Bonnie Goode - August 27, 2024 at 09:50 AM

JB

“ Jayne Bennett lit a candle in memory of Ruth West



Jayne Bennett - August 27, 2024 at 02:04 AM

KP

“ To Ruth's entire family. She enjoyed life. I will miss her. She worked at M.D. Collins after we left Campbell. It was so good to have people we knew when we had to change. Then through the years seeing her playing the bass and playing such wonderful music. Always a gleam in her eyes and a smile on her face. May you all be blessed with the peace and comfort God gives us during this time. My prayers are with each one of you. I know we will see her again.



Karen Polston - August 26, 2024 at 08:44 PM

JS

“ Your family is in our thoughts and prayers. We thought a lot of both your parents. We will not be able to attend but will be thinking of you.



Jane & David Storey - August 26, 2024 at 06:08 PM

WE

“ Wayne E. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ruth West.

Wayne E. - August 26, 2024 at 03:59 PM

EA

“ Eloise A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ruth West.

Eloise A. - August 26, 2024 at 01:14 PM

SW

“ Thankful for Ruth's faithful service to the Lord. She blessed our family for years at Bethlehem Baptist Church. Her contagious laughter and smile remain with me today. Rest in peace, Ruth. Looking forward to seeing you again one day.



Susan Wolf - August 26, 2024 at 06:34 AM

CF

“ Cathy Saye, Cara Sensing and family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Ruth West.



Cathy Saye, Cara Sensing and family - August 25, 2024 at 08:59 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Ruth West.



August 25, 2024 at 07:13 PM

AL

“ We will definitely miss you. You were one of the best neighbors in life and you were an inspiration to us all. God has Angel and he called you home. Bethlehem Rd. Will not be the same without you. Our prayers and condolences are with the family.



ANIKA Logan - August 25, 2024 at 05:06 PM

VM

“ Virginia Moore lit a candle in memory of Ruth West



Virginia Moore - August 25, 2024 at 03:43 PM

AN

“ Audrey and Frank, I remember the day I first saw your mother. I walked into the Old Wooden Church and she was sitting at the organ with a wonderful pink flowered hat on. She was smiling and it made me give her a big smile back. She made me feel so welcomed and gave me comfort. We shared many memories together working with the teenagers. Bob, who was Bobby to everyone, your Mother and I had a joyful time. Ruth always sent me a birthday card. She was a blessing to me. She was chosen by the Lord and shared her belief with everyone.

Arlene Neely - August 25, 2024 at 09:20 AM

DS

“ Ruth was family within family to us. My earliest memories were seeing her at Aunt Georgina's. She was the first person I saw when we gathered there after my dear grandmother's death and her comfort meant the world to me. The fact she was 'always there' was a true testament to her character - a devoted woman, a constant friend and a beloved family member. I'll never forget seeing her playing organ at church, being in choir with her or how she encouraged me by giving me my first opportunity to sing solos at Cedar Grove, playing that upright bass on "Rocky Top". She was so talented! I truly loved and admired Ruth and look forward to the day we all meet again. Frankie, Susan and all the family and friends - you are in my prayers.

Darlene Smith - August 24, 2024 at 12:28 PM

AS

“ All my love and prayers, Darlene Smith purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Ruth West.



All my love and prayers, Darlene Smith - August 24, 2024 at 12:05 PM

IS

“ To Ruth's family- so sorry to learn of her passing. I remember Ruth from back in grammar school at Cedar Grove- she rode our bus (my brothers Bill Lee) - she like myself lived in the area all our life- rest in peace sweet lady - prayers for comfort and peace for her friends and family.

*With my sympathy,
Irene Lee Sauls*

Irene Sauls - August 23, 2024 at 10:10 PM

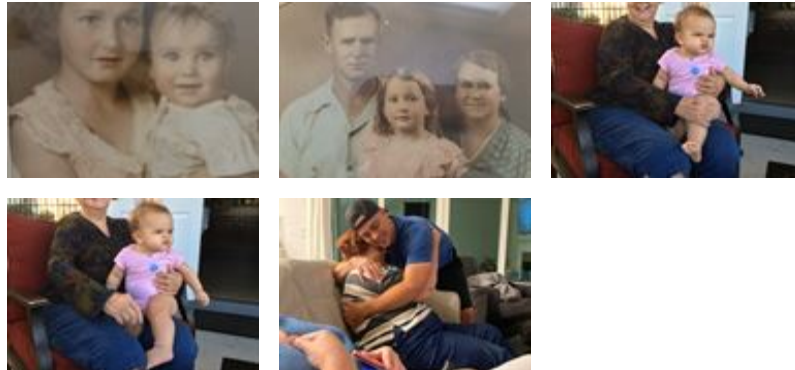
AL

“ We're truly going to miss you. Your smile was brighter than the sun. When we first moved in as your neighbor, you welcomed us with open arms. You gave us history about the community, Bethlehem Baptist, and stories about your Pickin and Grinning family. You loved talking about Frank and Audrey, your grandkids, and late husband, Gene, and now, you are joining him in heaven. The last time I saw you, we picked up where we left off and I always expected to be able to call you or drop by for a visit. God had an angel on earth and he finally called you home to watch over us. Thank you for being a special part of our lives. We will never forget you. Anika and Jamon

ANIKA Logan - August 23, 2024 at 06:04 PM



“ 45 files added to the album Life Tributes



Parrott Funeral Home - August 23, 2024 at 03:58 PM

CG

“ I'll miss our conversations about family, her grape salad at family reunions and her laugh. Ruth was one of a kind, she gave me piano lessons Many years ago, she loved music and shared her talents with lots of people. Prayers for the family. God Bless.

Carole Green - August 23, 2024 at 12:35 PM

AR

“ Sending prayers of comfort to all that knew and loved her.

Ann Middleton Robinson - August 22, 2024 at 08:14 PM

JP

“ I wonder how many kids she taught to play, "here we go, up a row, to a birthday party."

Jan Wilson Payne - August 22, 2024 at 06:27 PM

SH

“ We love you grandma!!! Rest in peace. Until we meet again. ☐

Stephanie Hope - August 22, 2024 at 04:16 PM

BP

“ Ruth was a very caring woman. She loved music and was an inspiration to all who knew her. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Betty and Al Powell - August 22, 2024 at 09:41 AM

DM

“ Derrick and Dana McClure planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ruth West.

Derrick and Dana McClure - August 22, 2024 at 08:30 AM

DM

“ Derrick and Dana McClure purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Ruth West.



Derrick and Dana McClure - August 22, 2024 at 08:30 AM

NM

“ *Ms. Ruth was very talented. Always enjoyed watching her play the string bass at Cedar Grove. Prayers to the family.*

Nan McGuffey - August 21, 2024 at 07:06 PM

RD

“ *So sorry for your mom's passing. She was a sweet lady. Your in our thoughts and prayers*



Robyn Fountain Dawkins - August 21, 2024 at 05:43 PM

DW

“ *Loved going to cedar grove Tuesday eve. Loved playing in band with Ruth when I lived close the area.*

Don Winebarger - August 21, 2024 at 05:40 PM

VJ

“ *Audrey, Frankie, and family:
Your mom will be missed by alot of us. She was a very special person and friend. We are all praying for comfort for all of you.*

Vickie Johnson - August 21, 2024 at 03:46 PM

KM

“ *Kenny and Joyce McClure planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ruth West.*

Kenny and Joyce McClure - August 21, 2024 at 02:55 PM

KM

“ *Kenny and Joyce McClure purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Ruth West.*



Kenny and Joyce McClure - August 21, 2024 at 02:55 PM

AD

“ *My prayers are with the family, I loved my Aunt Ruth, she was a sweet soul and I will forever and always hear the sweet music she made. One of my fondest memories is of her playing the organ in church. Heaven gained a true angel.
Love, April (Wilson) Deleshaw*

april Deleshaw - August 21, 2024 at 02:47 PM

NS

*Ruth and I go back many years. We graduated from C.H.S.---the class of 56. ----memories!!!
Ruth was a talented woman .
Her heart was filled with love, God was first, Gene, her family, and friends. Dedicated to her church, a legacy never to be forgotten.
We will always remember you with
Love and the lives you touched with LOVE. You are now HOME!!!*

Nell Smith - August 26, 2024 at 09:15 AM

NS

Share

Nell Smith - August 27, 2024 at 08:07 AM

DW

My dad played music with her at the Ceder Grove center. He sends his condolences. They either called him Buddy or Jaime. Last name Pollard

Donna White - August 28, 2024 at 07:15 PM