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Mary "Ruth" Baldwin Goss

April 10, 1946 - Feb. 25, 2024

Mary "Ruth" Baldwin Goss, 77, of Morganton, NC passed away on Sunday, February 25, 2024. She was born on April 10, 1946 in Richlands, VA to the late John Baldwin and Annie Baldwin Connley. Ruth loved the Lord, her church, and her family. She enjoyed cooking, baking, and spending time with her sisters.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a son, Wayne Alexander Baldwin Goss; brothers and sisters, John Baldwin, Jr., Wilma Holbrook, Phillip Baldwin, Pearl Shelton, Corrine Goss and James Baldwin.

Ruth is survived by her children, Sherry Goss Cunningham (Mike), Donnie Goss (Vickie), Otela Flanders (Greg), Bishop John Smiley, Dahelin Goss, and Makeyla Goss; sisters, Doris Burgaman (Carl) and Rachel Brelove (Roy).; 24 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren; and 5 great-great-grandchildren; several nieces, nephews and special friends.

The family will receive friends from 3-4pm on Friday, March 1, 2024 at Sossoman Funeral Home. The memorial service will begin at 4pm in the Colonial Chapel of the funeral home with Bishop John Smiley officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family would like everyone to join them on Sunday, March 3, 2024 at New Hope In Christ Church, 415 Bouchelle St. Morganton, NC, for the 11am service.

Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall



Happy Heavenly 78th Birthday Maw. Love you the most, missing you extra today.

–Candice Harwood



–John Smiley

I had the opportunity of teaching Makeyla so sorry for your loss. Will be praying for your family during this journey. May the Lord guide you and bring you peace. Death may have ended her life but not the relationship and memories you made together. .

–Monica Mastin



This exceptional lady is surely loved and will be missed by us all. I will always be thankful and know I was blessed as she accepted me into her family many years ago. The memories I have will be with me and share as a reminder that each individual you encounter in this journey we call life

has somehow played an intricate part of our own growth. I love you lady and will keep you in my heart.

–Johnny



Maw as you spread your wings and take flight, leaving behind the cocoon of your physical form, know that your love and legacy will continue to flutter in our hearts. Like a butterfly , you transformed our lives with your beauty, grace Your spirit will soar, and your memory will remain a radiant splash of color in our lives. until we meet again in the garden of memories I L VE You Mommaw Love Bam-Bam

–Bam Bam



John, Melea, Brittiany, Sherry, Otela and family, my heart felt condolences in the loss of Ms Ruth. She was a wonderful woman of God and had a heart of God. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you that God will cover you with peace and comfort during this season of your lives. Wishing I could be with you on Sunday, but prior obligations prevent me from doing so. May she rest in peace. Love to the whole family! "Sister Sarge"

–Cheryl Robinson Kirby



Rest in Peace Precious Ruth. Loved her Beautiful smile. Asking God to wrap his arms around each of you and give you Peace and Comfort during this difficult time.

–Debbie Hensley



Love Aunt RUTH

–Holbrook Family



–Danynel Sudduth



–DeVera Powell

Mama Ruth, I will always remember you, a woman with lots of wisdom, I called you my shouting buddy, because it was time in church we praise Jesus together, to the family stay close to Jesus lean on him he will carry you through.

–Annie campero



Mom I love you so very much. You were my rock my stable point in life. You my mother and my friend. I don't know how to do this part. But we are trying our best to honor your wishes. May Lord and all of you gone on watch over and guide us. Hel us mom to become the rock that you were. Touch otela John and Donnie as well as makeyla and

Daneiin and all the grandkids and great grandkids as we don't know how to move forward from here. You the most real person I know. The nurse that last cared for you at hospital told me Nikki Josh Candice and Devon that our family was an example and testimony of how families were suppose to be at ones passing on. She said she was encouraged and blessed by us. I told her we were blessed to have her at the end and we thanked her for being so gentle loving and thoughtful and fast to move on your needs. I'm so thankful to God that you did not suffer. I love you so very much momma and I miss you . Tell daddy, Bobby , Aunt Corrine, uncle Bob, aunt pearl and uncle Jim , aunt Wilma and uncle Phillip , uncle dee, mommal popaws kenan , ,Daniel, nat, mat, Garrett , momma rose, Aunt Cora, Freddy, Tommy, uncle jr aunt Kaye Dewey, Aunt Jackie and everyone else hello for us and all you all way h over and guide us to help us meet you one day again. Love you momma so very much .

–Sherry



–Anonymous

My prayers for the family. I love you my sweet Ruth, Rest high In heaven

–Lora Gantt



I love my mother in law very much



—michael cunningham



Maw, I just don't know what to say. It's hard to make reality set in and make myself believe this is happening. You are loved by so many and will be missed dearly. You will forever have a huge piece of my heart. I love you to the heavens and back forever and a day. Until we meet again.....Later beautiful

—Melea (Lee Lee)

Ruth “Mawmaw, I love you so much I thank God you decided to be my grand babies momma. I love you for the strong person you were. You could whip up a 3 course meal with just 3 ingredients lol. Your faith in God was an example to all of us. You never met a stranger and if you did you made them feel like family. I wish I got a chance to say goodbye but my dad always said there’s no such thing as goodbye it’s just see ya later . Until we meet again Rest in Heaven you will be definitely missed.

—Melissa Rutherford



—Sharon Keller



Love you so much Maw...my rock is gone, my safe haven, my best friend..the best advice giver, the brightest smile..it’s so hard to believe you’re gone. Thank you for everything..everything you made me become, everything I

will carry with me that comes from you. Please guide me to become even half the woman you were, Maw. Miss you. Love you even more

—Candice Harwood



My mother may you rest in peace and enjoy time with family gone on. I love you so much momma.

—Sherry Cunningham



You will be missed maw Ruth, you were like a Second Grandmother to me you took me in and Loved me just like your blood Grand-child. My condolences. To the family, I'm here for all of y'all and I love you all.

—Jawon Robinson Garrett



I’m going to miss you so much another Angel gained her wings rest in peace .

—Andrea Thomas



—Faye D Gee