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Ruby Kate Wellman

June 26, 1944 - April 3, 2026

Ruby Kate Wellman, 81, of Morganton, NC passed away Friday, April 3, 2026.

She was born in Cleveland County, NC on June 26, 1944. Ruby was a member of Walker's Chapel Baptist Church. She dearly loved her family, especially her grandchildren. Ruby enjoyed gardening and canning, and she was an exceptional craftswoman. She could cook anything you'd desire.

Those left to cherish her memory include her children, Allen Wellman, Kimberly Buckner (Jimmy), and Patricia Messer (David); grandchildren, Ashley Huffman (Melissa), Crystal Plemmons (Brad), Guy "Mikie" Huffman (Holly), Josh Buckner (Kennedy), Bradley Messer (Sarina), Sarah Hampton (Johnny), Casey Wellman, and Tasha "Nikki" McCall (Andy); twenty-seven great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren and one on the way; siblings, Sharon Cook (Jessie) and Revonda Leatherman; and numerous extended family.

Ruby was preceded in death by her husband, Claude Sanford Wellman; and her older sister, Jean Moore.

The family will receive friends from 4 to 6 p.m., Tuesday, April 7, 2026 at Sossoman Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Dysartsville Baptist Church, 24 Clubhouse Road, Nebo, NC 28761, Trinity Baptist Church, 216 Shelburne Road, Asheville, NC 28806, or to Walker's Chapel Baptist Church, 5292 Walker Chapel Road, Morganton, NC 28655.

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

Tribute Wall

Allen, Pat & Kim.... I am extremely sorry for your loss. I know there are no words that could fill the space but know Aunt Ruby is Home with Uncle Claude and the rest of the family. Rejoicing with the Angels in the Light of Christ. Sitting at the hem of His garments forever feeling His Love Peace Grace & Righteousness. Ohhhh what a day it was, no more pain, no more sorrow. Praising Jesus. I Love you all and miss you terribly.

—Cheryll Gibson & Family

I will miss you Ms. Ruby. You made me a beautiful afghan. Bonnie Lail Smith.

—Bonnie Smith



Ruby and her husband Claude were very special people to me and my late husband, Leonard Abee. They were the best employer I ever worked for in their upholstery business. I also loved setting up at craft shows with Ruby. Precious memories will never be forgotten. My prayers go up for the family. Blaka Abee

—Blaka Abee



Sending prayers and condolences to the family

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Ruby was a sweet lady. Always had a smile on her face when I saw her. She will be missed by so many. Sending prayers to her family.

—Cathy Alexander

Ruby was a very special person to w. I was honored and blessed to call her my friend. While my heart hurts that she has gone on I am very happy for her to be with Claude and free from pain. Thoughts and prayers to all of her family.

—Priscilla Campbell

Ruby was such a sweet lady. My thoughts and prayers go out to Pat and her family.

—Shannon Smart

Pat & Family, Robbie & I are so sorry to hear of your sweet mama's passing. Keeping you and the family in our thoughts and prayers. Ruthie & Robbie Dempsey

—Ruth Dempsey

Sorry for your loss thoughts and prayers for the family

–Kimberly Smart

Prayers for the family

–Randy L Dennie



I love you mammaw Love Your pretty girl

–Sarah Hampton



Ruby was a wonderful lady. She will be missed

–Mary Hendrix



Mom, Allen, and Kim, Mamaw Ruby was the heart of our family—strong, loving, and full of life. One of my favorite memories will always be going on cruises with her, laughing, relaxing, and just enjoying time together. Those moments meant more to me than I can put into words. Mom, I know losing your mother leaves a hole that can never be filled. My heart breaks for you, and I'm here for you through all of it. I love you more than anything. We love you forever, Mamaw Ruby. You will always be with us Love, Bradley, Sarina, Tucker, Phoenix, and Silas

–Bradley Messer