



Ruth Waters Cook

Dec. 15, 1936 - Jan. 9, 2025

Ruth Waters Cook, 88, of Morganton, NC, died Thursday, January 9, 2025.

Born in South Carolina on December 15, 1936, she was the daughter of the late Henry Thomas Waters and Ethel Lorine Crumley Waters. Ruth was a member of Nowlings Chapel Freewill Baptist Church for most of her life and had been attending Burkemont Baptist Church for the last six years. She enjoyed traveling, watching old westerns, and being around her friends, but she mostly enjoyed time with her family.

Ruth is survived by her children, Clyde Cook, Jr. (Kim), Glenda Sue Cook Watson (A.Z.), Kenneth Lee Cook (Cindy), Tamela Denise Cook Pearson, and Terry Lorine Cook Blackburn (David); nine grandchildren; seventeen great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and her lifelong best friend, Jerry Ann Shehan.

In addition to her parents, Ruth was preceded in death by her husband, Clyde Cook, Sr.; brothers, William Joseph Waters and Robert Roy Waters; and Yorkie companion, Ally.

The family will receive friends from 1 to 2 p.m., Tuesday, January 14, 2025 at Sossoman Funeral Home. The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. in the Colonial Chapel of the funeral home with Rev. Dr. Eddy Bunton officiating. Burial will follow in Nowlings Chapel Freewill Baptist Church Cemetery.

Chapel Hill Baptist Church Cemetery.

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

Tribute Wall



Godspeed Aunt Ruth. I know you are now with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. While we may be in pain from your passing we know you are in the best place possible and we will see you down the road. Sorry I've been too gone for too long and each day makes the need for me to get back to North Carolina to see your children, my cousins, more urgent. Love to you and love to your beautiful family. Prayers for our Heavenly Father to be with them and continue to stay with them. Your Nephew, John David

—John David Waters

Paul and I wish to express the deepest condolences to the family of Miss Ruth. We are praying for each of you.

—Yvonne Mace



I love you Maw you will truly be missed. You were one of the sweetest ladies I had the privilege to meet. I love our talk while I was doing your nails. We mostly talked about your family. You wouldn't let me call you Ruth I had to call you Maw and I felt honored to do so. May you rest in piece Maw I will miss you! Teresa

—Name *Teresa Smith



Maw, you always treated me like family since the day I met you. Im grateful that I got to know you, I'll always be thankful for how well you treated me, and I will always hold my promise to love your babygirl. Love you Maw, Reid

—Reid Pons



Thank you for your unconditional love and support, always. We will miss you dearly.

—Tearrea & Jaryd



Maw, you were like a second mom to me but also my best friend. We did everything together from shopping, eating, just riding in the car, or doing errands. No matter what we did it was never boring or had a dull minute. I will never forget you or our memories I will forever cherish them. Until I see you again. Love- Your baby girl

—Ava



sorry to hear about this..its been a while since I had seen her...but i remember always stopping by the house on the way to or on the way back from june and roy's for a stay after school was out...

—danny murphy



Ruth you've always been a blessing and I loved your laughter ,at anything and everything!!! You were such a joy to work with also. You were a wonderful example to your



kids, grandkids and great grandkids. You loved them unconditionally and they did you too Prayers for all your family

—Lisa & Scott Smith



—Anonymous

Ruth was a very special lady. She was my mom's best friend. She will be truly missed. Prayers for the family in these difficult times.

—Mike Shehan



Maw, I will miss you dearly. You were always like a second mom to me. You never raised your voice nor said a harsh word to me. I'm so thankful for the 43 years the Lord blessed me with you in my life. I could not have prayed for a better grandmother. Thank you for all of the cherished memories you left me with. I know one day we will meet again. Until then..... Love you always, Britt

—Britt

To have known Ruth was to know what love looks like. I will forever hear her laughter in my head and her love in my heart. She was not only like a second mother to me, but a true friend. I will miss you so...

—Linda Smith



Dean and I are so sorry for your loss Lindsey. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

—Vickie Icard