



Ruby E. Howe

May 5, 1930 - May 16, 2015

Ruth Ellen Howe (Ruby) peacefully went to be with the Lord on Saturday May 16, 2015.

Ruby was born May 5, 1930 in Bristol Tennessee to Addie Beatrice Harkleroad and Bruce Carson Leonard who preceded her in death. She was the youngest of four children and was preceded in death by her sister Josephine and brothers Thomas and Lawrence.

Ruby was a retired taxi cab driver and was employed by Yellow Cab Company for over 30 years. She lived in Orlando for over 50 years and was a member of Oak Ridge Baptist Church. As a strong, wonderful and caring person Ruby was known for always helping others even when she had little for herself.

Ruby loved her cats and put out food and water every day for the stray neighborhood cats. Always thankful for the many years that our Lord bestowed on her, Ruby felt that every challenge in life was part of God's plan for her life journey. Love for family was strong and she was always there when someone needed a shoulder to lean on.

Ruby is survived by her children; daughter Darlene Ketzell and husband Chuck, daughter Pamela Harrah and her husband Steve, son Russell Pelaquin and his wife Suzi, daughter Debbie Menz and her husband George,

her son Robert Howe, and longtime companion Charlie her cat. Ruby was preceded in death by grandson Donnie Spangler and is survived by her loving grandchildren; Scotty Spangler, Cheryl Spangler, Jason Barron, Christy White, Melissa Duley, Christina Ganley, Neil Lachowicz, Sandy Pelaquin, Bobbie Reagan, Danny Reagan, plus 13 great grandchildren, many nieces, nephews. There were also numerous friends that she called family and she was especially fond of her dear friend Suzi George.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in her name to either Oak Ridge Baptist Church or to Heaven Sent which is a non-profit organization that cares for homeless cats in the Orlando area.

Services will be held on Saturday, May 23, 2015 at 11:00AM at Oak Ridge Baptist Church, 3833 West Oak Ridge Rd, Orlando FL 32809

Previous Events

Celebration of Life August 5th, 2017 1200 Noon at DeGusipe Funeral Home and Crematory

MAY **23**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Oak Ridge Baptist Church
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Orlando, FL 32809
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Tribute Wall

JH

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the children and family of this precious lady...Miss Ruby, thank you for always being so much fun and letting me and my brothers have so much fun with your children...Darlene, Pam, Russell, Debbie and Robert...I will always treasure the special memories we shared growing up together...from swimming at Sandy Beach, to running through the woods to the barn, and playing POW around our houses and going to the fair with all those tickets...whew...what a ton of fun we had...and through the midst of it all, I see your mom and her beautiful smile always telling us to be careful and have fun...she truly was a gracious lady with a heart bigger than Texas! May she rest in peace in the arms of our Savior Jesus. Because of Christ, we are promised the joy of seeing her again and all our loved ones...until then Miss Ruby...I love you always...
Julie

"Well done though good and faithful servant, Enter into the joy of your Lord."
Matthew 25:21

Julia E Hendry - May 23, 2015 at 08:56 AM

DE

“ Today is your memorial service and I just want to pretend that you are still here with us . I want to say thank you for everything that you have taught me. The most important is our love for The Lord and the importance of prayer. Today I pray for peace for all that are remembering your life and the joys that you brought to so many. You have touched and changed many lives during your time on this earth and that is the greatest thing that a person can do, leave this world a better place than you found it. I shall miss you until we meet at the river, rest in peace my dear mama. I love you, Debbie Jo

debbie - May 23, 2015 at 06:46 AM



“ *White Sympathy Baskets was purchased for the family of Ruby E. Howe.*



May 21, 2015 at 09:40 PM



“ *As a child growing up, I often listened to stories my Mom, Jane and Dad (Ruby's brother, Lawrence) sat around and told of when they were all growing up. As young adults back in those days, there wasn't a lot to do except play cards and pull pranks on each other. My Aunt Ruby was the best prankster of them all. She was always pulling a joke on them and there was never a dull moment when she was around. Her visits back to Tennessee were always such fun to here her as they all sat around the kitchen table and told those same stories I had heard so many times growing up. She will leave an emptiness in the hearts of all her children and friends, but rest assured, the heavens are rejoicing as she reunites with all the ones she loved. Darlene, Binky, Debbie, Pam and Robert, you will always have those special memories to hold on to and with God's grace and his arms around you, you will get through this sad time. We all love you very much and will continue to pray for your family. ~Carol Leonard Smith*

Carol Leonard Smith - May 20, 2015 at 06:21 PM

DE

“ *Debbie sent a virtual gift in memory of Ruby E. Howe*




Debbie - May 19, 2015 at 02:28 PM

DE

From you little angel Danny

Debbie - May 19, 2015 at 02:29 PM

 Drema
Harrah
Blount

“ *Ruby thank you so much for your loving daughter Pam, without you she would have never been part of our family! I know you will be missed by many and I will miss you laughter when I visit Pammy and Steve. May God help all of your children grandchildren and great grandchildren get through this difficult loss in their lives. Rest in peace my friend.*
Drema



Drema Harrah Blount - May 19, 2015 at 09:56 AM

BF

“ Ruby was a great person!!!! Everytime she saw me she would tease me. She always had a sparkle in her eyes!!!! I will never forget the last time I saw her! She nearly fainted because all the weight i had lost. She told me I looked good! I will miss Ruby alot!!! She was always so full of life with her Church and Her Bingo!!! Enjoy all the Bingo you want in Heaven Ruby You will be Missed by your Family and Friends!!! God Bless all the Family!!!! RIP Ruby your suffering is over!!!! My family Loves you and it was so great knowing you!!!! I will be playing bingo for you from now on Help us win!!!!!! HaHa Love you Ruby B.J., Van and Victoria!!!!



Brenda { BJ} Foster - May 19, 2015 at 08:27 AM

GA

“ Ruby I had the pleasure to meet you only once you were a very sweet lady and I know you will be truly missed by your family and friends Gaylene and Bob Marsh



gaylene - May 18, 2015 at 10:48 AM



“ Ruby will always be remembered as a beautiful woman with a beautiful and caring family. I am so sorry for your loss. Lori



Lori Dennis - May 18, 2015 at 08:28 AM

DJ

“ *When you have the honor to share your life with someone as special as my mom you know you are blessed. The loss of my mom leaves a giant hole that will now be filled with beautiful memories. I will always love and miss my mommy. Debbie Jo*

Debbie Jo - May 17, 2015 at 05:02 PM