



Ruth Bell Ilar

December 31, 2016

On December 31, 2016 at 5 o'clock in the morning at the Hubbard Hospice House in Charleston. Ruth left behind her earthly body to receive her eternal reward in heaven. "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course. I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous judge shall give me on that day." II Timothy 4:7-8

Ruth was born May 7, 1936 on Mount Vernon Road, Hurricane to the late Ezriah and Hazel Tinson Bell. In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by a brother, two-year old Jackie Bell and her former husband Paul Ilar.

Ruth graduated from Hurricane High School in 1954, attended Charleston School of Commerce, worked for Rose City Press and later in life for M & W Wholesale and retired from State Farm Insurance. She was a member of TOPS and The Red Hatters.

Ruth was a founding member of Good Shepherd Southern Baptist Church, Scott Depot. She faithfully attended, taught a children's Sunday school class for years, sang in the choir and did numerous things to help make Good Shepherd what it is today. She truly loved her Open Door Sunday School Class. She was an influence in the lives of many, and never met a stranger.

Ruth was known for her pie baking; especially lemon and coconut cream. At church dinners and family reunions, people would rush to the dessert table for a piece of her pie before they sat down for their meal. After going through thirty treatments of radiation that left her very weak, she baked four pies for the doctors and nurses at CAMC Cancer Center, where they gobbled them up quickly and wanted more. That was the last time she baked her famous pies.

Ruth is survived by brother Burk Bell and sister-in-law Estelle Bell of Winfield who were her caregivers; niece, Carla Davis of Portsmouth, Va., nephews; Dwight Bell and wife Dee; Rodney Bell and wife Wendy, Brian Bell and wife Nina, all of Richmond, Va.; six great-nephews, Ryan, Travis, Andrew, Robbie, Logan and little Ryan. Two great-nieces, Shannon and Jeanna, two great-great nephews and many loving cousins. She is also survived by Brother-in-law, Jimmy Ilar and his wife Norma of Clinton, Tenn. whom she loved dearly.

Funeral service will be held at 2:00pm Sunday January 8, 2017 at Good Shepherd Southern Baptist Church, Scott Depot with Pastor Kenny Stidham and Rev. Herb Slaughter officiating. Burial will follow in Mount Vernon Cemetery, Hurricane.

Friends may call from 6-8pm Saturday at Chapman Funeral Home, Hurricane.

The family would like to express their heartfelt appreciation to Kathie Wyant of Seminole, Fla, a cousin for the care and love of Ruth the two months she stayed with Ruth during her illness. Also the staff of Teays Valley Center Rehab, Bellaire at Devonshire, and the Hubbard Hospice House.

In lieu of flowers, Ruth requested donations be made to Good Shepherd Baptist Church Building Fund, 162 Tiger Lane, Scott Depot, WV 25560 or to the Hubbard Hospice House, Charleston.

Visit Ruth's tribute page at ChapmanFuneralHomes.com to share memories, stories or condolences with the family.

Chapman Funeral Home, family-owned and located at 3941 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane is honored to serve the Bell and Ilar families.

Cemetery Details

Mount Vernon Cemetery

2150 Mount Vernon Road
Hurricane, WV 25526

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 7. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Chapman Funeral Home Hurricane
3941 Teays Valley Road
Hurricane, WV 25526
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Funeral Service

JAN 8. 2:00 PM (ET)

Good Shepherd Baptist Church
162 Tiger Lane
Scott Depot, WV 25560

Tribute Wall



“ *Ruth Bell Ilar*

October 06, 2023 at 08:41 AM



“ *Ruth was the most unselfish person I have ever known. If someone was sick and unable to take care of themselves, she would pack up and go stay with them. She filled her temporary vessel, that GOD let her borrow, with love and compassion. She always wore a smile and had the best out look on everything. She would have a different and better view for someone who needed an opinion.*

I did Ruths nails and pedicures for many years. I don't recall ever seeing her in a bad mood. Always entered the salon with a big smile and a bright hello. Yes, she will be missed. As she told me when she found out about her illness, she's going to a better place. Where she's longed to be most of her life. She is now with God. Surely with a smile on her face and singing front row with the angels. My prayers are with the family. Oh and yes, I was one of the family reunion pie orders. Well loved...well missed.

Terri Skyles - January 08, 2017 at 08:19 AM



“ *Your smiling face and upbeat disposition will be missed by many.
R.I.P, Ruth*

Joanne Bell - January 05, 2017 at 09:17 AM

PH

“ I want to express my deepest sympathy to Burke and family in the homegoing of my friend. Ruth was a dear soul. A happy soul. She reached out to my husband James and me when we first started attending Good Shepherd Baptist years ago. We lost touch as the years passed, but it will be a glorious day when we meet again in heaven. ☩

Patty Hager - January 04, 2017 at 10:30 PM

DI

“ Ruth was my Red Hat sister. We had many lunches and a few day trips together and Ruth always made it fun. I will always remember her smile and jovial personality. She did make the best coconut cream pies and we were lucky to have sampled her baking. Ruth, "Go rest high on that mountain, your work on earth is done; Go to Heaven a shoutin', Look for the Father and the Son". Your friend and Red Hat sister, Dianne

Dianne - January 04, 2017 at 09:11 AM

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“ I will always have special memories of one of my best friends, Ruth Bell Ilar, going back to the fourth grade! We had our tonsils out together and our parents took turns sitting in the hospital after the surgery. That was only the beginning. She has been a very loyal friend through high school and on to the day God wanted her home. She opened her home to us to stay anytime we went back to Hurricane for any reason. I will miss her so much, her our call back and forth to each other were one big laugh for each of us. She is with our Jesus, whom we both loved and served in life, and I will be seeing her when I get my call, in the meantime, Burke and Estelle, we will praying for you in your loss. Surely wish I could be there for the funeral, but she knew I was going in spirit. Love to all the family.
Anna Ruth and Ron Olson

Anna Ruth Call, Olson - January 03, 2017 at 05:59 PM

MC

I am sorry about Ruth's passing but happy she is no longer in pain. Ruth and I have been friends many years. She and I used to walk through the woods to visit each other. In the phone calls to each other we were always cooking and baking pies. She was very good at organizing our school reunions. The last time I spoke to her was about three weeks before her passing. I could tell she was not doing well. She will be missed by Burke and Estelle and the many cousins she spoke of often.
Mary Wyant Cooper.

mary cooper - January 06, 2017 at 07:35 AM