



## Ruth Janette Shelton

July 7, 1931 - March 8, 2020

Ruth Janette (Feltner) Shelton, 88, passed away peacefully on Sunday, March 8, 2020, in Charlotte NC. Ruth passed with peace in her heart, her soul, her mind, and finally, her body. Her four granddaughters had recently visited, and her son and daughter-in-law were by her side.

Ruth was born on July 7, 1931 in Stewart County, TN; the only child of Grady and Gertrude (Wallace) Feltner. When she was 8 years old, the family moved to Gracey, KY.

Ruth graduated from Sinking Fork High School in 1949. She married Wilford Shelton on January 3, 1951, in a double wedding with Wilford's cousin and his bride. After a few years living and working on Wilford's family's farm, Ruth and Wilford moved to "town", Hopkinsville, KY. Wilford worked in the parts department at Williams Chevrolet, while Ruth worked at J.C. Penney department store in Hopkinsville. She worked on the floor and as the store's credit manager, until the birth of their son, Jeffrey, in 1963. Several years later, Ruth returned to work outside the home as a teachers' aide at Indian Hills Elementary School. She worked there until her retirement in 1992. Ruth and Wilford were active members of Second Baptist Church. Ruth was active in and enjoyed years of friendships in the Twilight Homemakers Club.

In 2007, Ruth and Wilford moved to Charlotte, NC to be near their son Jeff, his wife Rebecca and their four granddaughters. While leaving behind a lifetime of memories in Kentucky, they quickly became integrated in circles of sweet friends in the Ridgeloch neighborhood and the Trammel Bible study class at Carmel Baptist Church. Wilford passed away in July 2014. In 2019, Ruth moved to an assisted living community in Charlotte. In late January prompted by a bout with the flu, Ruth began her last journey that would take her to Carrington Place in Matthews, NC. There, she was surrounded by much kindness, prayer, and incredibly skilled caregivers.

Ruth had a full life with many friends, young and old. She was easy to be around, loved to joke and laugh, and had a witty personality. Ruth had an incredible memory, keen

instincts, and a curiosity that was broad and deep. She was always learning and knew a lot about a lot of things. She was very tech savvy for her generation and was quick to “google” to solve her tech issues and to find answers to her other questions. She stayed current with friends in Kentucky, the local weather for every family member, her medications and medical conditions, and many other things. She was dearly devoted to her husband, her boy, his wife, and her granddaughters. She was ever working, ever serving, ever sacrificing for them. Best of all, she knew the truth of and the forgiving grace of God.

Ruth is survived by her son, Jeff; her daughter in law, Rebecca; granddaughters Madeline (and Cory) Smith, Morgan Shelton, Margaret Shelton, and Macy Shelton. A celebration of Ruth’s life was originally planned for Saturday, March 21, 2020 at Heritage Funeral Home, 3700 Forest Lawn Drive, Matthews NC. However, that public service has been cancelled, and a private ceremony will be held.

Memorial gifts may be made to Sandy’s Corner Family Resource Center, Indian Hills Elementary School, 313 Blane Drive, Hopkinsville, KY 42240.

A gathering to celebrate of the lives of both Ruth and Wilford is being planned for the late spring or early summer in Hopkinsville, KY.

# Cemetery

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## **Forest Lawn East Cemetery**

3700 Forest Lawn Drive

Matthews, NC, 28104

# Comments

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“ In Ruth's memory, we're sending a donation to "Sandy's Corner" in Kentucky. We're so glad we had the privilege of getting to know her. She was a fun, special lady. We're praying for you, the family, as you miss her. We miss her, too.

**Paul and Holly Zwierzynski** - March 24, 2020 at 01:43 PM

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“ In memory for Ms. Ruth, I have planted a dogwood tree in Chaotte, NC. A True Lady full of love and warm embraces... I will always have a special place in my heart, Forever... God bless you and make God keep your family safe in his hands... Mom, Louise McIntyre, and I will never forget God's Angel and we will see you again.... Love you always!!!



**Annette McIntyre** - March 23, 2020 at 09:02 PM

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“ Annette McIntyre sent a virtual gift in memory of Ruth Janette Shelton



**Annette McIntyre** - March 23, 2020 at 08:56 PM

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“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ruth Janette Shelton.



March 13, 2020 at 01:56 PM

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“ Smith Family purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Ruth Janette Shelton.



**Smith Family** - March 13, 2020 at 11:04 AM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ruth Janette Shelton.



March 12, 2020 at 09:38 PM