



Ruth Edens Davidson

December 1, 1929 - June 19, 2019

Ruth Edens Davidson, 89, died on Wednesday, June 19, 2019 at Holston Valley Medical Center in Kingsport, TN.

She was born on December 1, 1929 in Brown Switch, VA to the late Mack and Mollie Edens. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Ben F. Davidson Jr; siblings, Robert Edens, Pauline Harris, Kathleen Harris, Evelyn Bacon, Lucille Graham, Gene Edens and Kenneth Edens.

She is survived by her son, Gary and Peggy Davidson of Naples, FL; daughters, Sandra Davidson of Kingsport, TN, Benita and Eddie Rutherford of Blountville, TN, Melissa "Missy" Davidson and Gloria Basse of Damascus, VA; granddaughters, Shelley Stevens of Kingsport, TN and Amber Krape of Naples, FL; grandson, Chad and Jennifer Rutherford of Kingsport, TN; great-grandchildren, Hannah and Alexa Winkle, Savannah, Jackson and Greyson Rutherford and Bryan Krape; one brother, Drs. Wallace and Eleana Edens of Woodlands, TX; brother and sister-in-law, William R. and Pattie Davidson; brother-in-law, Dr. Richard A. Davidson; sister-in-law, Hazel Edens; several nieces and nephews, and her beloved cat, Prissy.

Ruth and her husband, Ben, were long time owners and operators of Davidson Funeral Homes. She was a lifelong member of Jonesville First

United Methodist Church where she had served as children's choir director for many years. Ruth was very active in her community and was a founding member and President Emeritus of the the Lee Players. She was also an avid golfer and charter member of Cedar Hill Country Club.

The family will receive friends from 12 until 2:00 p.m. Saturday, June 22, at Jonesville First United Methodist Church. The funeral service will begin at 2:00 p.m. with Rev. Layne Pennington and Ruth's niece, Patricia Murphree, officiating.

Graveside services will follow in the Jonesville Town Cemetery with Mr. Patton Speak and Mr. Richard Davis officiating. Pallbearers will be her nephews and great-nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to Jonesville First United Methodist Church, 100 Church Street, Jonesville, VA, 24263.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **22**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

First United Methodist Church of Jonesville
200 Church Street
Jonesville, VA 24263
fumc_jonesville@verizon.net

Funeral Service

JUN **22**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Ruth Edens Davidson*

October 05, 2023 at 07:31 PM



“ *Kyth Debra Banks lit a candle in memory of Ruth Edens Davidson*



Kyth Debra Banks - June 23, 2019 at 08:45 PM



“ *We were so sorry to hear of your loss. Ruth was a very amazing woman.*
Alan & Gina Hensberger

A & G Hensberger - June 23, 2019 at 11:28 AM



“ *J.C.& Jo Anne Eldridge lit a candle in memory of Ruth Edens Davidson*



J.C.& Jo Anne Eldridge - June 22, 2019 at 03:23 PM

PM

“ *Patsy Miller lit a candle in memory of Ruth Edens Davidson*



Patsy Miller - June 22, 2019 at 01:42 PM

BH

“ *Beulah Haynes lit a candle in memory of Ruth Edens Davidson*



Beulah Haynes - June 22, 2019 at 10:33 AM

WA

“ *Wandaleen Adams lit a candle in memory of Ruth Edens Davidson*



Wandaleen Adams - June 22, 2019 at 09:32 AM

WA

A great lady that will be missed. Always a beautiful smile. Prayers for comfort!

Wandaleen Adams - June 22, 2019 at 09:33 AM

 Elaine
Miner

“ Rook games with laughter on snowy nights. Sleepovers with pancakes at the kitchen table. Bologna sandwiches and the best chocolate cake with the best chocolate icing ever. Who could forget the chocolate pies! Christmas Eve gatherings in velvet dresses eating small ham and biscuits. Three daughters each a friend in different ways. One my best while growing up, one as a co-cheerleader and one as a co-silly person at a crazy time in my life. An older brother to swoon over. Married to a great man and together were my parents' best friends. Many entertaining trips over the years. These are a few of my favourite Ruth things. Sending healing vibes from down under. Love you all, Elaine Miner

Elaine Miner - June 22, 2019 at 04:34 AM



“ Deborah Phillips lit a candle in memory of Ruth Edens Davidson



Deborah Phillips - June 22, 2019 at 02:14 AM



Ruth and Ben Davidson were two of my mom's oldest and dearest friends. When my family moved here 47(?) years ago...the were the first adults other than family I met. Blessed to say they both called me by name near the end of their time. A wonderful couple who raised 4 great kids I am honored to know. Memories and blessings be with the family.

Deborah Phillips - June 22, 2019 at 02:20 AM

CO

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Ruth was a very special person. Wish we could be there.
We had so many wonderful times with Ben and Ruth. Love to all.
Ken and Von Corbin

corbin - June 21, 2019 at 10:49 PM

LW

“ Larty And Pam Warner lit a candle in memory of Ruth Edens Davidson



Larty and Pam Warner - June 21, 2019 at 10:48 PM

SL

“ So sorry for your loss, worked with them in many funerals down through the years. Loved them both.

Pastor Charles and Shelby Long

Shelby Long - June 21, 2019 at 10:10 PM

MW

“ Maria Ely Warren lit a candle in memory of Ruth Edens Davidson



Maria Ely Warren - June 21, 2019 at 08:16 PM

BR

“ We were so sorry to hear the sad news about Ruth. She was such a dear sweet soul. Ruth will be sadly missed. Ben, Elaine and Conner Richmond



Ben, Elaine and Conner Richmond - June 21, 2019 at 08:15 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ruth Edens Davidson.



June 21, 2019 at 04:01 PM

JF

“ Judy Rhea Hall Fee lit a candle in memory of Ruth Edens Davidson



Judy Rhea Hall Fee - June 21, 2019 at 02:46 PM

FW

“ From the guys at Van Wyck purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Ruth Edens Davidson.



From the guys at Van Wyck - June 21, 2019 at 12:22 PM

JF

“ *Benita and Missy,*

I'm so sorry for the lose of your mother. She supported Jonesville Girl's Basketball during the time Missy and I played together with grace and competitiveness. Loved seeing her during the games and that is how I got to know her very well. Even after school when I would see her she would ask how I was. Mrs. Davidson was a classy lady and was a treat to know her. My heart is very heavy. She will be missed in Jonesville.

I will keep you in my prayers during this time of grief.

Judy Rhea Hall Fee and family

Judy Rhea Hall Fee - June 21, 2019 at 11:59 AM

JC

“ *J. Bruce Catron lit a candle in memory of Ruth Edens Davidson*



J. Bruce Catron - June 21, 2019 at 11:34 AM

ML

“ *Ruth was a wonderful lady with a gentle, happy spirit. There should be more people like her...the world would be a much better place in which to live.*



Go rest high on that mountain...your work on Earth is done.

Prayers for all the family and friends...

MARY RUTH LASTER - June 21, 2019 at 10:29 AM

IW

“ *Irene Whittimore lit a candle in memory of Ruth Edens Davidson*



Irene Whittimore - June 21, 2019 at 10:29 AM

IW

so very sorry, love and prayers

Irene Whittimore - June 21, 2019 at 10:30 AM

SN

“ *Scott & Robin Napier lit a candle in memory of Ruth Edens Davidson*



Scott & Robin Napier - June 21, 2019 at 09:05 AM

BE

“ *Beth Eichler lit a candle in memory of Ruth Edens Davidson*



Beth Eichler - June 21, 2019 at 09:03 AM

TF

“ *The Ikey Joe Chadwell Family lit a candle in memory of Ruth Edens Davidson*



the ikey Joe chadwell family - June 21, 2019 at 08:49 AM

PS

“ *Polly Snodgrass lit a candle in memory of Ruth Edens Davidson*



Polly Snodgrass - June 21, 2019 at 07:46 AM

SN

“ *Sandy Newman lit a candle in memory of Ruth Edens Davidson*



Sandy Newman - June 20, 2019 at 07:32 PM

AG

“ *Aunt Ruth was a very special lady and more than just an aunt, she was a grandmother to me, all of us really! She loved all the kids, I will remember her laugh and smile most of all! I love you all and will miss Aunt Ruth very much.*

Amanda, Jarrid, Elizabeth, and Levi



Amanda Graham - June 20, 2019 at 06:57 PM

BC

“ I'm so sorry. Ruth was one of my favorite ppl. I remember partnering with her at church, in rook and she carried us to win! After that, I would joke her about the 'book of Ruth' and her 'rook of Ruth.' Was an honor to know this lady my entire life. I will dearly miss her sweet spirit and precious hugs!
My deepest sympathies, Betty Crusenberry

Betty Crusenberry - June 20, 2019 at 02:52 PM

LB

“ LaVerne Brown lit a candle in memory of Ruth Edens Davidson



LaVerne Brown - June 20, 2019 at 02:16 PM