



## Ruth K Watson

June 12, 1934 - November 3, 2023

Ruth K. Watson, 89, of Jonesville, VA, passed away on Friday, November 3, 2023 at Norton Community Hospital.

Ruth was born in Lee County on June 12, 1934 to the late James Gray Kelly and Estelle Coomer Kelly. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ray Vernon Watson, two sons-in-law, David Sizemore and Carter Shelton, three brothers, Roy Kelly, Charles Kelly and J.M. Kelly, and a special cousin, Edith Yeary.

Ruth was a graduate of Radford College. She served in the Lee County School System for 32 years, teaching in St. Charles, Blackwater, Flatwoods and Pennington Gap Schools. She was a member of Deep Springs Baptist Church for over 75 years. She was also a member of the Jonesville Woman's Club, Red Hat Society, and the Flatwoods Quilters.

Ruth is survived by two daughters, Donna Shelton and Patty Sizemore; one son, Michael Watson and his wife, Ginger; two grandchildren, Aaron Watson and Matthew Watson and his wife, Lauren; one great-granddaughter, Anastasia Watson; two sisters, Emily Rogers and her husband, Tom, and Shirley Whistine and her husband, Phil; one brother, George Kelly and his wife, Faye; one sister-in-law, Manerva Watson; and many nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 8, at Robinette Funeral Home in Jonesville. The funeral service will begin at 1:00 p.m. with Rick Phillips officiating. Graveside services will follow in Lee Memorial Gardens in Woodway.

Pallbearers will be Matthew Watson, Aaron Watson, Eddie Watson, David Kinsler, Frank Brooks, Craig Rogers, Brian Kelly and Greg Kelly.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be sent to Deep Springs Baptist Church, 149 Deep Springs Church Road, Dryden, VA 24243, or to the Gideons International, PO Box 186, Jonesville, VA 24263.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 8. 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Robinette Funeral Home (Jonesville)  
146 Maple Drive  
P.O. Box 238  
Jonesville, VA 24263  
(276) 346-1196

## Funeral Service

NOV 8. 1:00 PM (ET)

Robinette Funeral Home (Jonesville)  
146 Maple Drive  
P.O. Box 238  
Jonesville, VA 24263  
(276) 346-1196

## Graveside service

NOV 8 (ET)

Lee Memorial Gardens  
1986 Hickory Cir Rd  
Pennington Gap, VA 24277  
(276) 546-2523

# Tribute Wall

LB

“ Mrs Watson was my 5th grade teacher. She always held a special place in my heart. She went with the 1981-82 trip with the Pennington Elementary School to the World Fair. Prayers to her family and friends.

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**Lisa Belcher** - February 25 at 10:50 PM

JB

“ It has been many years since Ms. Watson was my fifth-grade teacher, but I still think of her fondly. I'm very sorry for your loss, and I will keep your family in my prayers.

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**Josh Barney** - November 15, 2023 at 04:08 PM

LA

“ Linda Anderson lit a candle in memory of Ruth K Watson



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**Linda Anderson** - November 08, 2023 at 06:49 PM

WM

“ Wilma W. McNew lit a candle in memory of Ruth K Watson



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**Wilma W. McNew** - November 08, 2023 at 11:13 AM

WM

*So sorry for your loss. Ruth was a sweet, caring lady. We were Red Hat Society members, a person you could always depend on. She will be missed by all.*

**Wilma W. McNew** - November 08, 2023 at 11:19 AM

JF

*I'm so sorry for your loss. I thought the world of your Mom and of course your Dad. They were very kind to my parents "Millard and June Hall" when we returned back to Virginia. Judy Hall Fee*

**Judy Hall Fee** - November 09, 2023 at 03:05 PM

LB

*Mrs. Watson was my fifth grade teacher at Pennington Elementary School. She was honestly my favorite teacher I had ever had. She was so kind to me, I've thought about her many times over the years. She was a very special lady. My prayers go out to her family and friends. May God Bless each of you. R.I.P sweet Mrs. Watson 🙏*

**Lisa Belcher** - January 16, 2025 at 09:19 PM



“ 31 files added to the album Life Tributes



**Robinette Funeral Homes** - November 08, 2023 at 10:51 AM

RS

“ Mrs. Watson was my 5th grade teacher and made such an impression in my life. I am so sorry for the families loss. She was one of a kind! Prayers for the family.



Ruby M Sanders - November 08, 2023 at 07:53 AM

KF

“ The world has lost another great woman. Our mom and Ruth went to college together at Radford. From the stories our mom used to tell, they had some fun times. We are so sorry for your lose and pray that time will ease your pain. It has been almost 2 years since losing mom and we are starting to laugh and remember the good times again. God bless all of Ruth's family. Karen Fulks and Patti Fulks Borowski

Karen Leigh Fulks - November 07, 2023 at 08:25 PM

PR

“ Ruth Watson Family, sorry for your loss!  
Palmer Dean Riddle, Peggy Riddle Salisbury and families

P Riddle - November 07, 2023 at 05:37 PM

DO

“ Sending deepest sympathy from Larry and Doris Presley and Georgia and Cecil Sumpter.



dorisann.presley@gmail.com - November 06, 2023 at 10:49 PM



“ Ruth was such a strong woman. She was by far the sweetest soul. I will miss seeing her beautiful smile early in the mornings. rest easy beautiful, till we meet again♥ god bless the family and friends who grieve the lost of this lovely lady.



Haley Osborne - November 06, 2023 at 10:24 PM

OB

“ Ms Watson was a good person and good teacher She helped me through some difficult situations in school. May God bless her family.

Orlena Collier Brown - November 06, 2023 at 08:41 PM

HM

“ Our sincere condolences to you and your family, Matt.  
Tommy and Helen McCracken



H McCracken - November 06, 2023 at 07:18 PM

PP

“ Paul And Kathy Peters lit a candle in memory of Ruth K Watson



Paul and Kathy Peters - November 06, 2023 at 06:54 PM

PP

*What a beautiful testimony that Ruth had to share. Her love for the Lord was evident in all walks of her life. What a treasure she has left for her children in the way she conducted herself not only in her professional life but in the life she lived as a mother. Our prayers will be with the family as you bid your farewell for now to Ruth. ❤️ Paul & Kathy Peters*

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**Paul and Kathy Peters** - November 06, 2023 at 07:00 PM