



Ruby Ellen Dwyer

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Ruby Ellen Dwyer, 93, of Sperryville, passed away peacefully with family by her side on September 14, 2021 in Culpeper Medical Center. She was the daughter of the late David Marshall Dwyer and Nina Bowen Dwyer.

Ruby was a native to what is now the Shenandoah National Park. At age 10, her family moved from the park to their home in Old Hollow, just outside the park boundaries, where Ruby lived until the last few years of her life. As a youth, she worked hard on the family farm and played basketball at Sperryville school where she graduated.

Ruby spent 26 years of her life as a teacher's aide in Rappahannock County Elementary School. She was a beloved colleague, broke racial barriers, and had a heart for each student. Many former students remember her kindness and dedication. She saw many changes throughout her years, but embraced each person she met with compassion and love. Her many diverse friends are testimony to her authentic, vibrant and accepting spirit.

At home in the hollow, she was affectionately known as the "Mayor of the Old Hollow" for all her interactions with hollow folks and her interest and care for their lives. She had a strong faith and was a lifelong member of Thornton's Gap Regular Baptist Church. Ruby coordinated the "Old Hollow Reunion" at the church for most of her adult life and enjoyed catching up with friends and extended family who had moved from the area. She also attended the Sperryville Methodist Church in her later years.

Ruby was a very proud, resilient and independent woman until the very end. She loved crocheting, working in her flower and vegetable gardens, and always had a good book in her lap. Her last few years at Noble Senior Living, she enjoyed sitting on the porch visiting with friends and fellow residents. The Dwyer family wishes to thank the staff and residents at Noble Senior Living for their friendship and dedicated care of our mother.



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She is survived by her children, Kathy Yoder (Ken), Sam Dwyer (Connie) and Gary Dwyer; a grandson, Dylan Dwyer, and many loving extended family and lifelong friends.

Ruby was preceded in death by her husband, James Samuel Dwyer, a son, David Michael Dwyer, and her siblings, Anne Dwyer, Rebecca Shade, David Marshall Dwyer, Jr., and Sally Keyser.

Family and friends are invited to a Memorial service at the Reynold's Memorial Baptist Church Community Center at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 23, 2021. Ruby will be laid to rest with her parents, son and husband at the Washington Masonic Cemetery in a private service.

An online guestbook and tribute wall are available at foundandsons.com. Found and Sons Funeral Chapel of Culpeper is serving the family.

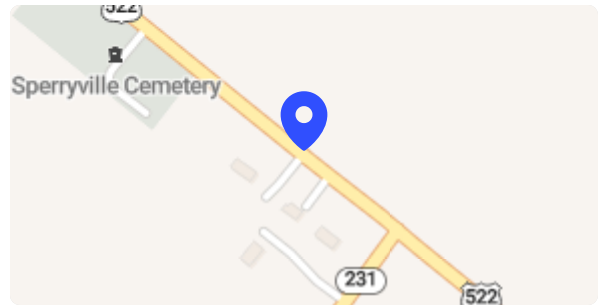


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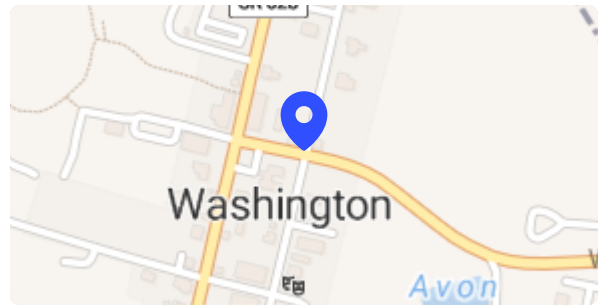
Memorial Service

- Saturday**, October 23, 2021
- 11:00 AM ET
- Reynold Memorial Baptist**
3948 Sperryville Pike, Sperryville VA 22740



Cemetery Details

- Washington Masonic Cemetery**
Washington VA





Tribute Wall

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Hannah Masson posted:

Ruby was one of the main reasons that our music ministers would come out each month for the monthly hymn sing. She appreciated it so much and would tell us how it was one of her favorite times of the month 😊. When COVID began and we moved to singing outdoors, she asked us "Do you know 'Count your blessings?' We should be singing that!" We didn't know it but found it and brought it the very next month. She was right. We've been singing it every month since. I suppose I didn't really know Ruby, but I loved her. I know that she grew up in Rappahannock. I know she used to bring in the sheaves when she was a girl and how much we all loved to sing "Bringing in the Sheaves" because of that. I know that they had a big white horse that used to pull them to church. I know that "Count your Blessings" was one of the first songs that she remembers learning to sing. I know that she was kind and gentle. I know that I admired her good attitude despite wheelchair. I know how much I looked forward to seeing her beautiful smile and spirit each month. I know her family must be pretty special because she was such a special lady. I know I will miss her terribly. I know that I will keep her family in my prayers. The Precious Blood Music Ministry

October 18 at 4:52 PM



Sandy Dwyer sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Dwyer family.



October 15 at 11:39 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful Dreams to the Dwyer family.



October 4 at 3:51 PM



Susan Ose posted:

My mother, Kyle Lundin, thought the world of Ruby. I remember walking over to Ruby's house with my mom whenever we were in the Old Hollow and listening to she and Mom solve the problems of the day. Ruby was always very kind to me and welcoming. I always felt like she and her kids were an extension of our family. I feel privileged to have known her - my deepest condolences to Kathy, Sam, and Gary.--Susan Lundin Ose

October 3 at 7:35 AM



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IH

Ilva Hertzler posted:

Ruby has been a part of my life through Kathy and Ken for many years. We shared the same birthday. I enjoyed hearing stories about her courage and reilience over the years. I was blessed how her children loved up on her, including my brother Ken. Blessings and comfort to the family in the coming days ahead. She lived her legacy and now we all have much to ponder. Ilva Hertzler

October 1 at 1:07 PM

KA

Katherine posted:

I had just moved in as her neighbor when "Miz Ruby" went into care. We had a couple of conversations, she was lovely and generous. I wish I had the opportunity to know her better, but am glad that we met.

September 28 at 6:06 AM

BW

Barbara Waters posted:

Ruby was a dear cousin and friend, and such a pleasure to be around. She loved being with family and friends to enjoy a meal together. We are missing her but happy that she is at peace and no longer in pain. God is taking care of her and we all know she is happy. Love, Barbara

September 27 at 7:53 PM

MA

Micky Azbell lit a candle in honor of Ruby.

I have such wonderful memories of visiting Ruby at her home and at her parents. My parents were David & Lorene Clatterbuck. Sending my love and prayers to all of Ruby's family.

September 27 at 10:13 AM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Ruby by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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