

Ruth Marie Ball, 76 of Ripley

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Ruth Marie Ball, 76 of Ripley departed this life on Sunday, March 18, 2012 at home.

Ruth was born March 5, 1936 at Monclo, WV to the late August and Vicie Miller. Ruth was married on September 10, 1955 to her best friend Claude Ball, who completed her life.

Ruth is survived by three beautiful children, Vicki (Ball) and Ken Cox of Bristol, TN, James Ball of Ripley and Gordon Ball, of Charleston. Ruth has eight grandchildren and seven great grandchildren whom she dearly loved and enjoyed. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Ruth was a faithful Christian who dearly loved the Lord. She was a member of the West Ripley Baptist Church where she attended faithfully and was also a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Cottageville Chapter #16.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by three brothers, August "Frankie" Miller, Billy Miller and Raymond "Toby" Miller, and a sister Ella Nora Miller.

Funeral Services were Thursday, March 22, 2012 at the West Ripley Baptist Church, Ripley with Pastor Jack Miller and Rev. Joe Lane officiated. Burial was in the Fairplain Cemetery, Ripley. Friends called on the family from 6 to 9 pm. Wednesday at the Waybright Funeral Home, Ripley and one hour prior to the service at the church.

Author Elizabeth Kubler-Ross wrote, "People are like stained-glass windows. They sparkle when the sun is out, but when the darkness sets in, their true beauty is revealed only if their is a light within."

Ruth was one of these people with the light within. She was happy, she was generous, she was supportive, and she was caring. She was kind. She was loving and was loved. Ruth was a wonderful mother and an outstanding wife. We could go on and on to describe Ruth's greatness, but that is not necessary. If you knew her, you already know this.

She was just one of those rare people who found goodness in everyone. She didn't criticize or judge, she just lent a hand when you needed her, for as long as you needed her. She cared for so many throughout her life and to know her was a privilege. Ruth will surely be missed by her family her church, her friends and her community.

The family of Ruth Ball would like to thank all of those who brought or sent food, snacks, and drinks. Also for the kind words, hugs, prayers, flowers or a smile. A special thank you to Dr. Gaal. Jackson General Hospital and the Eldercare staff for the excellent care that given to Ruth.

To West Ripley Baptist Church, the choir for the wonderful dinner that was provided. Thanks to Pastor Jack Miller, Pastor Joe Lane and a special thanks to granddaughter, Jamie Ramsey for the beautiful rendition of Amazing Grace. In addition, thanks for the beautiful prayers by Harold Ray and Dean Ball.