



Ruth St. John

December 29, 1915 - August 5, 2010

Ruth Winifred St. John, 94, formerly of the Tiger Creek Community of Roan Mountain, passed away on Thursday, August 5, 2010, in the NHC Healthcare of Johnson City following an extended illness. She was the daughter of the late James Howard and Ethel Beals Barrett and was born in Royal Oak, MI. She lived the last thirty years of her life in Carter County. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, William Nelson St. John, a daughter, Barbee Ryan; a granddaughter, Sherri Ellen Ryan, a sister, Gladys Pratt and a brother, Norman Barrett. Mrs. St. John was formerly a first grade school teacher and also had a career as an R.N. She was also a flutist who played with the Detroit Philharmonic Orchestra. She was talented in many areas including making shadowbox miniatures, sewing, knitting, quilting, painting, making pottery and making maple syrup. She taught a woodcarving course at the Senior Citizens Center. She was a member of Memorial Presbyterian Church and was involved in a prayer group in Michigan. Mrs. St. John also led a Girl Scout Troop and was a Cub Scout Den Mother. She is survived by two daughters, Nancy Smith and her husband, James Smith, Jr., Fort Worth, TX; Ruth Ann Lindauer and her husband, Doug, Roan Mountain; two sons, Dr. James St. John and his wife, Marja, Oakland, CA; Don St. John, Madison, AL; a son-in-law, Pat Ryan, Michigan; fifteen grandchildren; forty-three great-grandchildren; two sisters, Margaret Hilar; Dorothy Brown; a brother Ken Barrett, all of Michigan and a daughter by invitation who lived with the family, Cher Wilcox, AZ. Several nieces and nephews also survive. A gathering for the community and friends of Mrs. St. John will be held on Tuesday, August 10, 2010 at 6:00-8:00 at Memorial Presbyterian Church in Elizabethton. A private inurnment will be in Capt. Nelson Cemetery on Ripshin at a later date.

Comments



“ Please accept our sincere condolences for your loss. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers. Please let us know if we can help you in any way.

Your friends at Tetrick Funeral Home, Elizabethton.

The Staff of Tetrick Funeral Home - August 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ We are sorry for your loss and are praying for you. Please let us know if we can serve you in anyway.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Psalm 23-4

Calvary Baptist Church - August 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ I was working as a CNA @ Pine Oaks when Mr & Mrs St.John were living there. I know she will truly be missed. I have many fond memories of Ruth. My thoughts and prayers are with all the family.

Pat Williams - August 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. Ms. Ruth was a caring and loving person. She will be missed by all that knew her. She loved her family very much and she was very proud of you. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Karen Gentry - August 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM