



## Ruth Wilson

May 5, 1923 - August 8, 2012

Ruth Evelyn Murphy Wilson completed her earthly journey on Wednesday, August 8, 2012 and went home to be with her Lord. A Memorial service celebrating her life is scheduled for Monday, August 13, 2012 at 2:00 PM at the First Presbyterian Church in Tyler, with Dr. Stuart Baskin officiating. The family will greet friends in Fellowship Hall immediately following the service. Ruth was born in El Dorado, Arkansas on May 2, 1923, to Birdie Graves Murphy and Archie DeKalb Murphy. She attended El Dorado public schools and graduated from Hendrix College in Conway Arkansas where she served as Student Body President. She returned to El Dorado and worked with her dad in his title and guaranty company. She later earned her certification as a Director of Christian Education from the Union Presbyterian Seminary of Richmond, Virginia and served as Director of Christian Education at the First Presbyterian Church in El Dorado. She met the love of her life, John Carr Wilson and they were married on June 5, 1947. They met on a blind date and were proud to have recently celebrated their 65th year of marriage. John and Ruth lived in El Dorado, Arkansas the first part of their married life where they raised their family. In 1979, they moved to Longview where John continued his career with Murphy Furniture. Ruth was a lifelong member of the Presbyterian Church and unselfishly gave of her time and talents to serving as Elder and on numerous committees. In 2003, John and Ruth moved to Tyler to enjoy retirement near their family. Ruth loved her involvement at First Presbyterian Church of Tyler and cherished the garnered

friendships within the church. She is preceded in death by her parents, Birdie and Archie Murphy; brothers, Allen Murphy and Bill Murphy and sister-in-law, Jackie Murphy. She is survived by her devoted husband, John Carr Wilson; son, John Carr Wilson, III and his wife Debra Leff of Austin; daughters, Ginny Mattox of Tyler, Melissa Paschold and husband Larry of Carlock, Illinois and Susan Davis and husband Robert of Tyler. She leaves a wonderful legacy to her ten grandchildren; Charlie (Mandy) Mattox, Elizabeth Murphy, Will (Margaret) Mattox, Macon Carrington, Bryce Paschold, Jake Leff-Wilson, Allison Paschold, Neil Leff-Wilson, Casey Davis and Courtney Davis.

She will be greatly missed by her family and a host of friends who were the beneficiary of her kindness and sincere gestures of love. Whether you knew her as Ruth, Nana, Aunt Ruth or Mom, she endeared herself to everyone. Her life energies were spent in complete devotion to her family. She had friends of three generations, young and old, that loved her and will miss her beautiful smile. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the First Presbyterian Church, 230 West Rusk St., Tyler, TX. 75701, St. Stephen's Episcopal School, Gifts for Haiti Fund, 4110 Sinclair, Austin, TX. 78756, or the Haiti Education Fund, P.O. Box 10775, El Dorado, AR. 75730.

# Tribute Wall

GT

“ *Ruth was a lovely lady and all who knew her were blessed by her friendship. Heartfelt condolences to John Wilson and the entire family.*

*I appreciated very much your visit to Warren, John with your two most attractive and delightful daughters.....we were lucky to have had that last visit with Ruth.*

*She leaves a great void in your lives, I know. Sad to not have her with us anymore. With love, George*

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**George Wilson Tarleton** - August 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LT

“ *Ruth set such a great example for us as we (friends of Melissa and Ginny Lou, AKA Virginia)were growing up. She was strong but always a lady. She was truly a good person in every way and I am better off for growing up knowing her.*

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**Lynn Cofer Thomas** - August 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *Fondly remembering your mother during her visits to Illinois. It was a pleasure to have known her.*

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**Julie and John Stone** - August 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ *Ruth Wilson is the embodiment of love, graciousness, and dignity. I hold such fond memories of days in El Dorado with her and your family.*

*I send you all my love and the delight of having the privilege of growing up with you and her beautiful glow. She is a gift to all who knew her.*

*Love, love, love ...*

*Robin*

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**Robin Ritger Milam** - August 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you~*

*With Love,  
Cecile and Jim*

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**Cecile and Jim Sheppard** - August 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KG

“ *Ruth was such a wonderfully kind and generous person, it is hard to believe she has gone. We will always remember the wonderful times we had together in El Dorado, Longview, and Tyler, and the caring hospitality that she and John provided. Our thought and prayers are with all her family members. May God bless you all.*

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**Ken and Sarah Graves** - August 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *My thoughts, prayers, and especially memories are with you all during this sad time. I feel blessed to have known Ruth. May the peace of Christ be with you.*

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**Julie Jackson Main** - August 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ *We were so sorry to find out about Ruth. She has been in our thoughts and prayers for some time. We hope to see you folks Monda. Bless you!*

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**Dale & Mary Grider** - August 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *Mrs. Wilson was such a delight to know. She was a genuinely kind and sweet woman. It was a priveledge to know her. She was so interested in other people and very generous with her time. Mrs. Wilson leaves a wonderful legacy in her children and grandchildren. I will miss her. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family at this difficult time.*

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**Mary Lee Matthews** - August 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM