



Ruth Elizabeth Melchor Goodrum

August 16, 1951 - February 8, 2026

Ruth Melchor Goodrum, 74, of Mooresville, passed away on Sunday, February 8, 2026, at S. Mitchell Mack Hospice House in Mooresville.

She was born on August 16, 1951, in Mooresville, North Carolina, to the late Gibbs and Bernice Mundell Melchor.

Ruth was a graduate of Mooresville High School in Mooresville and Kings College in Charlotte. She was owner and operator along with her husband of Sea Shell Pet Shop in downtown Mooresville for 43 years. She was a member of Coddle Creek ARP Church in Mooresville. Ruth and Freddie joined Coddle Creek after the birth of their first son, Zack. They wanted a community of love and support for Zack and Coddle Creek provided that in abundance for many decades.

Ruth enjoyed traveling, especially to Canada to visit her large extended family. She also enjoyed watching her wild birds. Most importantly she loved her family and taking care of them. This family included all her customers through the decades. Educating customers on proper care and understanding of all the different animals inside the pet shop was something she cared deeply about. Countless families and kids received their first dog, cat, reptile, fish, bird, or hamster from Ruth. She was not afraid to "shakedown" the family or customer before a purchase however, ensuring they understood the

importance of proper care, and the commitment that was in front of them.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her son, Zackery Thomas Goodrum.

She is survived by her loving husband, Freddie L. Goodrum; her son, Casey Gibbs Goodrum; sister, Evelyn Weatherman and husband, Charlie; nephews, Andy Weatherman and Brian Weatherman; brother in law, Tom Goodrum and wife, Carol; nephew, Michael Goodrum; niece, Leslie Baldwin; and several great nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends on Saturday, February 21, from 10:00-11:00 AM with a service following at 11:00 AM at Coddle Creek ARP Church with Rev. Andrew Shoger officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Camp Joy NC, 918 S. Pleasantburg Drive, Ste 127, Greenville, SC 29607, or S. Mitchell Mack Hospice House, 1325 Mecklenburg Hwy, Mooresville, NC 28115 or through their website (<https://apps.hoic.org/donate-now>) or Coddle Creek ARP Church, 2297 Coddle Creek Hwy, Mooresville, NC 28115.

The family would like to extend special gratitude to the S. Mitchell Mack Hospice in Mooresville, for all the diligent and loving care provided to Ruth. From the hospital liaisons, to the CNA's, nurses, doctors, and social workers, Hospice and Palliative Care of Iredell County were a blessing when the family needed it the most.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Goodrum family. Condolences may be made to the family at www.cavin-cook.com.

Previous Events

Receiving Friends

FEB 21. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Coddle Creek ARP Church
2297 Coddle Creek Hwy
 Mooresville, NC 28115

Memorial Service

FEB 21. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JJ

“ I went to school with Ruth. At Mooresville Junior High and High School. She was always so nice to me and to everyone. The last time I saw her was when my brother, mother and I went to visit her Pet Store in 2021. God bless her family.

Jane Brawley Jordan - February 22 at 12:07 AM

TF

“ Tom Hobbs and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ruth Elizabeth Melchor Goodrum.

Tom Hobbs and Family - February 18 at 01:00 PM

TF

“ Tom Hobbs and Family purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Ruth Elizabeth Melchor Goodrum.



Tom Hobbs and Family - February 18 at 01:00 PM

RM

“ What always stood out for me was Ruth's generosity. That and her strong devotion. My condolences to the family.

richard mundell - February 17 at 05:43 PM

LH

“ My deepest sympathy to Evelyn, Freddie and the family. Ruth and Evelyn were my neighbors when growing up. Although Evelyn and I were the same age I also got to know Ruth very well. She and I shared our great love for animals. We loved them all. When I was older I went to the Seashell pet store when I was in town. She was always there with her sweet smile and personality. I know she was loved by all of her customers and will be missed so very much by all who knew her.



Linda Hager - February 15 at 04:24 PM

TF

“ Tom, Carol, & Family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Ruth Elizabeth Melchor Goodrum.



Tom, Carol, & Family - February 15 at 01:41 PM

JS

“ Ruth and I were friends especially when we were younger. I couldn't go see her at her pet shop much, or I'd be bringing home another pet to love. She was a kind soul and I won't forget her, or her precious mother or Zach that I know we're waiting for her. Now if you believe our animals that we loved are waiting across the rainbow bridge, just imagine the hundreds that were waiting on Ruth. Sending prayers and condolences to Freddie, Casey and Evelyn and Family and to all that loved Ruth.

June Cavin Stahnke - February 14 at 09:33 PM

JW

“ *RIH Ruth. God bless you and your family. Thank you for your life and the fond memories.*

Jeff Wright - February 14 at 10:20 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ruth Elizabeth Melchor Goodrum.*

February 14 at 09:41 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Ruth Elizabeth Melchor Goodrum.*



February 14 at 09:41 AM

LH

“ *So sorry to hear this. She gave me my first job at the pet shop when I was young.*

Larry Hobbs - February 13 at 10:11 PM

WB

“ *My sympathy in the passing of Ruth Melchor. I remember her family through Mooresville School District and taught several members of her family. God bless you all.*

Willie Beaver

Willie Beaver - February 13 at 04:18 PM

LC

“ *Lakeita Craig lit a candle in memory of Ruth Elizabeth Melchor Goodrum*



Lakeita Craig - February 13 at 10:31 AM

LC

“ *The Glenwood Family would like to send our deepest condolences to the family at this time. Mrs. Ruth was such a sweet soul. Thank you for trusting and allowing us to be a part of her life and care.*

Lakeita Craig - February 13 at 10:30 AM



“ *Freddie, Evelyn and Families, Our hearts are heavy and our prayers are full of love and praise to the Lord who created Ruth. We pray that God will wrap you in peace, comfort and strengthen you now and in the coming days as you mourn the loss of Ruth. Heaven has gained an Angel whom you will be reunited with in His time. Our love always, Beverly & Jim Holt*



Beverly Holt - February 12 at 08:48 AM

SU

“ *May you rest easy and our Lord and Savior wrap your family in peace and comfort! Your wonderful mother will rejoice in spending time showing you around Heaven!*



Susan - February 11 at 11:35 AM

AR

“ *Andre Reid*



Andre Reid - February 11 at 07:31 AM

CJ

“ *Cindy Jacobs lit a candle in memory of Ruth Elizabeth Melchor Goodrum*



Cindy Jacobs - February 11 at 06:15 AM