



Ruth Helen Blackwelder Torrence

November 7, 1935 - June 14, 2020

Ruth Helen Blackwelder Torrence, our Mimi, entered the Church Triumphant on Sunday, June 14, 2020 after a lengthy illness. Born on November 7, 1935, Ruth was the daughter of the late Robert and Truetta Armstrong Blackwelder of Mooresville. Ruth graduated from Mooresville Senior High School and was employed by Allied Artists in Charlotte, Sewing Circle, Inc. in Mooresville, and Belk at Signal Hill Mall in Statesville. She retired from Belk after more than 25 years of service, and she formed many lifelong friendships there. In 1955, she married Bill Torrence, her childhood sweetheart, and they celebrated 64 years of marriage. Ruth was a beloved mother and grandmother, and she doted on her grandchildren. She adored her immediate and extended family above all else. Ruth loved Jesus, and she was a member of Southside Baptist Church, where she appreciated studying the Bible with the Little Women Sunday School class. She enjoyed a good book, baking birthday cakes, listening to gospel music, attending family reunions, watching Matlock, and sharing her blessings with others.

In addition to her parents, Ruth was preceded in death by her aunt, Pinkie Armstrong, and her siblings: Hubert Blackwelder, Annie Blackwelder Crabb, James Blackwelder, Betty Blackwelder Pierce, and a baby brother. Left to treasure her memory are her husband, Bill Torrence; daughter, Renee Torrence Dulin and husband John of Troutman, NC; granddaughter Anna Dulin Milholland and husband Joel of Williamsburg, VA; grandson Rev. John

William Dulin, III, of Troutman, NC; and her “littlest darling,” great-granddaughter Graylynn Milholland; brother Kenneth Blackwelder and wife Bobbie of Clemmons, NC; sister-in-law Sue Crabb of Mooresville; special friends Bobbie Childers, Margaret Hurlocker, Hazel Blackmon, and Gene and Cissy Willis; and many loving nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

We are most grateful for the exceptional medical care Ruth received throughout the years, most notably from Dr. Ruby Grimm, Dr. James Bradford, Dr. James Foushee, Dr. Carla Pence and the staff at the Iredell Memorial Hospital Skilled Nursing Center, Iredell Home Health, the staff at Lake Norman Dialysis Center, Dr. Sinsai Salman, Dr. Michael Ryan, Dr. Wallace Tarry, and most recently, the staff at the Gordon Hospice House. We are also appreciative of a very special angel who came to her rescue last summer; we will never forget your kindness.

A graveside service, officiated by the Rev. Mark Ball, the Rev. Hal Greene, and the Rev. John William Dulin, III, will occur at Glenwood Memorial Park in Mooresville on Friday, June 19, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. The family requests that all who attend wear masks and practice social distancing.

For those who are unable to attend the graveside, you may go to the following link for the live stream

<https://www.facebook.com/CavinCookFuneralHomeServices/videos/19445511884424/>
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Memorials may be made to Hospice & Palliative Care of Iredell County, 2347 Simonton Road, Statesville NC 28625, and/or Southside Baptist Church, 525 S. Broad Street, Mooresville NC 28115. The family also requests that those who knew and loved Ruth share kindness with another person. “In the same

way, let your light shine upon others.”

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

Cemetery Details

Glenwood Memorial Park

273 Glenwood Drive
Mooresville, NC 28115

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JUN **19**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Glenwood Memorial Park
Glenwood Drive
Mooresville, NC 28115

Tribute Wall



“ *Ruth Helen Blackwelder Torrence*

February 14, 2021 at 11:24 AM



“ *Ruth Helen Blackwelder Torrence*

February 14, 2021 at 11:04 AM



“ *Ruth Helen Blackwelder Torrence*

February 14, 2021 at 11:03 AM



“ *I only knew you for a short time...but that time was so wonderful... always smiling..even doing dialysis...you never lost that smile... always gave me a smile or a wave and hugs..I will miss out little chats riding...till we meet again... prayers and condolences to the family..God bless.. Pam...*



Pam Leazer - June 26, 2020 at 01:24 AM



“ *Renee & family so sorry to hear about your mom knowing what we know about Heaven she is at rest & peace Your mom was always so sweet & always nice to me at southside May her memory live in your heart forever*

Geri Sherrill - June 19, 2020 at 02:46 PM

MR

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



michael Roberts - June 19, 2020 at 01:45 PM

CM

“ Renee, so sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you and the family.

Cyndi Jones Morris - June 16, 2020 at 07:04 PM

ME

“ Mary, Tommy, Samantha and Erica purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Ruth Helen Blackwelder Torrence.



Mary, Tommy, Samantha and Erica - June 16, 2020 at 06:19 PM

KF

“ Kenneth & Barbara Blackwelder and Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Ruth Helen Blackwelder Torrence.

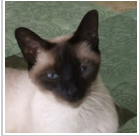


Kenneth & Barbara Blackwelder and Family - June 16, 2020 at 05:40 PM

TN

“ *Ruth was and is a Great Lady. Her Husband wasn't half bad also. I miss Ruth but will see her again. No more pain or suffering. Knowing her she will ask me "what kept you". Pray for family and freinds left behind.*

Tom Nixon - June 16, 2020 at 04:50 PM



“ *Ruth was a dear and special Christian Lady. She will be missed by many. Rest in Peace dear Ruth! You will always hold a special place in my heart.*

BC Childers - June 16, 2020 at 02:01 PM

PB

“ *Phyllis and Ed Livengood and Hazel Blackmon purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Ruth Helen Blackwelder Torrence.*



Phyllis and Ed Livengood and Hazel Blackmon - June 16, 2020 at 12:11 PM