



Mary Ruth Walters

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Mrs. Mary Ruth Walters completed her life journey on June 27, 2020 and is now in her Heavenly home with her Savior Jesus Christ. Mary Ruth was born July 12, 1937 to Albert and Shelley Zimmerman in Kilgore, Texas. She was the youngest of five children. Mary Ruth spent her formative years in Kilgore, attending Kilgore High School, where she was fondly known as “Birdie Bee” and “Fluff”. After high school she attended Kilgore Junior College. She enjoyed growing up in East Texas and loved to share the story of kissing Elvis in the early 50’s when he performed at Gladewater High School.

While attending KJC, she lived with her Aunt Weltha across the street from the college. Behind Weltha’s house was a boy’s home that was rented to male college students. This would be where Mary Ruth met the love of her life, Roger “Bucky” Walters. After marrying in 1959, they moved to California to begin a military career as husband and wife. They encountered many different places throughout their military life, from South Carolina to Arizona, and numerous in between. She loved being the spouse of a jet pilot and relished every moment of an Officer’s wife. Mary Ruth always wanted to return to her roots in Texas. In 1977 they returned and began a new life in Longview where they continued raising their family.

Mary Ruth, or as some called her MR, was a devoted wife, mom, grandmother, friend, and Christian. Her greatest joy in life was taking care of the ones she loved, especially her grandchildren. She cherished all the fond memories that were made together as a family, and everyone valued the time spent with her. Mary Ruth was a long time member of Spring Hill First Baptist Church.

Married for 57 years, Mary Ruth is preceded in death by Roger in 2016 and her loving son, Chris, in 2020. She is survived by two daughters – Amy Walters Lardie and husband Kevin of Houston, and Pene Walters of Longview; Daughter-In-Law, Linda Walters of Longview. Lovingly known as Grammy, she is survived by



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grandchildren Brendan and Brooke Lardie, Jace Smith, Erik and Scott Powell of Midland.

Mary Ruth will be remembered as a supportive wife, mother, and grandmother who loved her family with her whole heart. She will be missed by her family, her best friend Mavis Cospers, and sister-in-law Catherine Zimmerman. Her sense of humor, sense of fashion, and feisty spirit made a big impact on so many others.

A private graveside service will be held for the family.

In honor of Mary Ruth, please contribute to the ongoing research to find a cure for Alzheimer's.

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Marilyn Morton Pilz posted:

We were both at KHS in the wonderful '50 s.. Catherine and I were classmates. You were always so special and I felt our friendship to be special. Long timesince we have seen each other but lots of fond memories. Marilyn Chance Pilz

July 6 at 4:40 PM



Eleanore Canon posted:

We were stationed with Mary and Bucky in Yuma, az and she just climbed into my heart. We had the joy of watching Chris, Penny and Amy when they were little. She had such a beautiful personality and her Texas drawl added to that. I know she is in Heaven with her wonderful husband and her son. I will miss my dear friend.ruth and

July 5 at 12:26 PM



Amy Lardie July 6 at 1:38 AM

She loved you too Elanore.



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Mary by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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