



Ruth Adele Moore

January 4, 1926 - August 23, 2017

Ruth Adele Voan Moore was born in Oakhurst, Texas, to Mary Zelma Durdin Voan and Mark Jake Voan on January 4, 1926. According to family stories, snowflakes were finding their way into the primitive cabin as baby Ruth entered this world. A long-time member of First Assembly of God Church, “Sister Ruth” died on August 23, 2017 in Huntsville, Texas.

Ruth attended the rural, one-room school in Oakhurst, Texas, where, according to her, she enjoyed the best meal of her life. Typically, her brown-bag lunch consisted of the previous day’s leftovers – beans, cornbread, and maybe a piece of pork. But on this special day, when she was about seven years old, her father, Mark Voan, who was working for the Civilian Conservation Corps at the time, brought her lunch from the Corps’ quasi-military mess hall – a ham and cheese sandwich on light bread, and an apple. Ruth recounted how she was so excited, and so proud, she sat on top of her desk to savor the delicacies.

Ruth loved her mother, Zelma, who was a hard-working, God-fearing woman of the Texas frontier. Zelma knew how to sew, cook, grow a garden, smoke meat, can vegetables, shoot a shotgun, and how to be frugal, among many other things. One of Ruth’s most difficult challenges in life was losing her mother to death on May 2, 1990.

On June 12, 1943, Ruth Voan married Wilburn Moore, who also had deep roots in Oakhurst, Texas. As was so common back then, the young couple left “the farm” to find work and steady pay. Ruth and Wilburn made their way to

Baytown, Texas, where they found a small apartment above the Lanier Store, and Wilburn found work. A little over a year later, on December 28, 1944, Wilburn and Ruth were blessed with a daughter, Carolyn, who would be their only child.

Nearly three years later, on August 11, 1947, Wilburn landed a job with Brown & Root that would dramatically change the family's course over the next four decades. Wilburn began traveling to various states doing pipeline work, and Ruth and Carolyn followed. Later, Wilburn traveled the world, to Europe, to Saudi Arabia. Ruth followed as much as possible. In the late 1960's, Ruth and Wilburn lived in Rotterdam, Holland. Her time and experiences in the The Netherlands were some of the happiest in her life.

Also in the late 1960's, Wilburn and Ruth purchased a large tract of land near Buffalo, Texas and built a beautiful new home. The Moores' daughter Carolyn, her husband Clinton Rushing, and their children moved to Buffalo. Ruth, during the holidays, enjoyed entertaining her brothers and their families at the Buffalo ranch.

During their twenty-five years of residing in Buffalo, Texas, Ruth and Wilburn enjoyed managing their ranch and helping to raise their five grandchildren. They tirelessly attended football games, dance recitals, and numerous other activities in which their grandchildren were involved. The grandchildren thought of the Moores' as "second parents."

In 1993, Carolyn and her family moved to Huntsville. Soon after, Wilburn and Ruth moved to Huntsville to continue their close relationship with Clinton, Carolyn, and the grandchildren.

On May 21, 1997, Ruth's husband Wilburn Moore passed away, and on August 20, 2012, Ruth's only child, Carolyn Rushing, died suddenly.

Ruth Moore is survived by her three brothers and their families, Morris "Buddy" Voan from Norman, Arkansas, Dean Voan from Shepherd, Texas, and Charles Voan from Richland, Texas.

She is also survived by her five grandchildren and their families, Allan Rushing from Huntsville, Lana Cantrell from Tomball, Kara Dabney from

Shepherd, Tanya Wood from Tyler, and Gina Meadows from Huntsville. Additionally, she is survived by numerous nieces, nephews, and great-grandchildren.

Full obituary may be viewed and memorial condolences made to the family at www.shmfh.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **27**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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Service

AUG **27**. 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ruth Adele Moore*



Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - August 26, 2017 at 09:07 AM



“ *Ruth Adele Moore*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *One of the sweetest ladies! Oh, how she will be missed.
Prayers,
Susan and Rick Morris
Clyde and Livonia Morris
Misti, George and Callie Badgett*

s morris - August 26, 2017 at 11:35 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Ruth Adele Moore.*



August 26, 2017 at 12:47 PM

RR

“ *Robbie, Reda, Rebecca, & Rachel Robinson purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Ruth Adele Moore.*



Robbie, Reda, Rebecca, & Rachel Robinson - August 26, 2017 at 10:28 AM

GR

“ *Gene & Lynda Rushing purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Ruth Adele Moore.*



Gene & Lynda Rushing - August 25, 2017 at 10:57 PM

MC

“ *Michele & Jimmy Capps purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Ruth Adele Moore.*



Michele & Jimmy Capps - August 25, 2017 at 08:58 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - August 25, 2017 at 02:50 PM

ME

“ *Michele Estes purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Ruth Adele Moore.*



Michele Estes - August 25, 2017 at 02:08 PM