



## Ruth Earle Smith Ellison

March 1, 1926 - August 22, 2009

Name: Ruth S. Ellison

Dateline: Greer

Ruth Earle Smith Ellison, 83, of Greer, passed away on Saturday, August 22, 2009 after a serious illness of one month.

Born March 1, 1926, in Spartanburg County, she was the daughter of the late Tandy Green Smith and Ethel Burns Smith.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Mount Lebanon Baptist Church.

She enjoyed gardening and had a special love for her family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James Albert Ellison and brothers T.G. Smith and Hamish "Dick" Smith.

Survivors include daughters, Linda Cavanaugh and husband, Paul Cavanaugh of Columbia, Jody Vail and husband Steve Vail of Spencer, NC; Grandsons, Jason Lucas of Swansea, SC, Matthew Vail now serving in Iraq and wife, Amy Vail, Jeremy Vail and great grandson Logan Vail, all of Spencer, NC; sister, Ann Herman of Greer, brother Bob Smith of Columbia, and faithful friend, Bill Austin of Greer.

Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Wood Mortuary conducted by the Rev. Mark Smith. Burial will be in Hillcrest Memorial Gardens.

The family is at the home. Visitation will be from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday at the mortuary.

Online condolences may be made to [www.thewoodmortuary.com](http://www.thewoodmortuary.com)



# Previous Events

## Service

AUG **25**. 2:00 PM (ET)

THE WOOD MORTUARY CHAPEL

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Greer, SC 29650

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# Tribute Wall



“ Aunt Ruth has been missed. I shall always remember her saying about relationships "You get out of it what you put into it. Love, Deborah###imported-begin###Deborah Burch###imported-end###

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February 04, 2012 at 11:21 PM



“ I am so sorry about the loss of your mother. She was such a beautiful and sweet person. My mother used to tell me how kind she was when they had the WMU meetings at her house. I was so happy to get to know her better myself when seeing her with Bill Austin. I know you miss her, and please know that my thoughts and prayers have been with you.###imported-begin###Margaret Lindsey###imported-end###

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September 02, 2009 at 06:46 AM

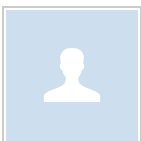


“ Dear Ellison family,  
I am very sorry to hear of the recent death of your beloved family member. I send my deepest sympathy to the family.  
When the enemy death strikes, there are no words to describe the sadness and pain that one feels. We feel helpless like a little child because there is nothing that we can do to alter the situation. But there is someone who can change the situation. That someone is Almighty God.  
In his word the Bible, he promises us that those who are in his memory will be resurrected.(John 5:28-29)  
When Jesus Christ was here on the earth, he proved that he has the power to bring the dead back to life. On one occasion, he resurrected his friend Lazarus.(John 11:11-44). On another occasion, he resurrected the only son of a widow.(Luke 7:11-17).  
We can be sure that Jesus will do the same for our loved ones who have fallen asleep in death.  
During this difficult time, I encourage you to lean upon God for strength to get through this and he promises that he will sustain you. (Psalms 55:22).

Sincerely,  
Sandra###imported-begin###Sandra###imported-end##

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August 28, 2009 at 09:09 PM



“ Dear Family,  
I am so sorry for your loss. Ruth was such a gentle and kind person. She will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you in your time of sorrow.###imported-begin###Jack Pyles###imported-end##

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August 25, 2009 at 07:01 PM



“ *Linda, Jody & families*

*Let the love and understanding of God help you through your grief today.*

*Ruth welcomed me into the Smith family 42 years ago and was always there when T.G. or I needed her. She was a great prayer warrior.*

*Your Mom and Dad loved you very much and gave you good principles to live by.*

*I know you will miss her every day, but you have great memories to remind you of their love for you. Ruth was always taking pictures for every occasion. Most of all, she organized her photos into albums. I need to take note of that.*

*Know that if there is anything I can help you with, today or in the future, call me.*

*My prayers are with each of you today.*

*Matthew is in my prayers especially. I know his heart is heavy because he cannot be here with you.*

*With Understanding & Love,*

*Barbara Anne Smith###imported-begin##Barbara Anne Smith###imported-end##*

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August 25, 2009 at 11:14 AM



“ Dear Family, I am so sorry for your loss. Mrs. Ruth was such a special lady and I will miss her very much. I will never forget her beautiful smile and warm hug that she gave every time she would see me. Heaven surely gained an angel on Saturday. Again, my deepest sympathies to you all.

Scott and Veronica Broome###imported-begin##Scott and Veronica Broome###imported-end##

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August 24, 2009 at 02:25 PM



“ Jody,  
I am so sorry to hear of your loss. You have my deepest sympathy. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May God be your strength during this difficult time.

Michelle Balknight###imported-begin##Michelle Balknight###imported-end##

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August 24, 2009 at 02:00 PM



“ My deepest sympathy to the family of Ruth Ellison. I will not be able to attend the service for health reasons and Ann is probably the only one who remembers me. But i have fond memories of all the family, My heart goes out to all the family in this time of sadness. Sincerely  
Jean Burns McCraw, 1st cousin.###imported-begin##Norma Jean Burns McCraw###imported-end##

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August 24, 2009 at 10:47 AM



“ Dear Jody and Steve,  
So sorry to hear of the death of your mom.  
May she rest in peace.  
God bless all of you.  
You are in our thoughts and prayers.  
Sincerely,  
Kathy and Jack Seybold###imported-begin###Kathy and Jack  
Seybold###imported-end##

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August 24, 2009 at 09:01 AM



“ Jody,  
  
I'm so sorry for your loss. I know your mother loved and appreciated  
all that you have done, not just during the last month, but always.  
You have been a blessing to her as she was to your family and I  
pray you and your family have God's peace and comfort in the days  
ahead. I really do love you.  
  
Kelly Baker###imported-begin###Kelly Baker###imported-end##

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August 24, 2009 at 08:30 AM



“ I am a niece of Bill Austin. Ruth was a very caring person. So sorry  
of your loss.###imported-begin###Toma Austin Neal###imported-  
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August 23, 2009 at 03:26 PM