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Ruth Roberta Hargraves Nelson, fondly known as “Teus,” went to heaven on February 20, 2015. With her family present, she departed from Allen Morgan Nursing home. She was born January 1st, 1919 in Forrest City, AR. She is preceded in death by her parents, Solomon and Lucy Sanders Hargraves; three siblings, Judge Olmon Hargraves, Etta Mae Hargraves Rawlings, and Solomon Snow Hargraves; and her husband of 60 years, William Avery Nelson Sr., who died in 2002. She and William had three children, Sharon Nelson Chisholm (Gerald), William A. Nelson Jr. (Karen), and Dr. Steven S. Nelson (Marty). She was also blessed with 6 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren, a large extended family, and a host of friends. Ruth graduated from Central High School and Memphis State University. At commencement, during the height of the Depression, her polished shoes were padded with newspaper due to the holes in the soles. William Avery Nelson and Ruth married in 1941 and travelled all over the south while he worked for Retail Credit Company, now Equifax. She assisted him as unpaid typist and secretary, boosting his output tremendously. In 1945, they returned to Memphis to help in a new family business, Shelby Lime and Cement Co. which is now part of Boral Brick Company. An active member of Eudora Baptist Church, Ruth was also a past president of Tennessee Homemakers, a member of the Horseshoe Lake Fishing Club, the Coast Guard Auxiliary, DAR, and the UDC. She also worked with the King’s Daughters Home and made many hats and blankets for St Jude, MIFA, and the Med. While living at Trezevant Manor, Ruth was best known for her paintings, bridge, and crochet. She was very active online using her smartphone to play games and visit with friends on Facebook. She also volunteered in the country store and served on the food committee. Her zest for life and love for Christ encouraged many residents and staff during her 12+ years as a resident. Dearly loved, she will be sorely missed. Visitation will be at Memorial Park Funeral Home on Monday, February 23 from 5 to



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8 p.m. and Tuesday from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Her celebration service will be on Tuesday, February 24 at 2:30 p.m. at Memorial Park Funeral Home, 5668 Poplar Avenue in Memphis TN. Internment following the service will be beside her beloved husband William in Memorial Park Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Trezevant Foundation, 177 North Highland, Memphis, TN 38111-9971. Pallbearers are Patrick Neal, Scott Gill, Slate Chisholm, Alec Hearne, Cliff Nelson, and Preston Neal. Honorary pallbearers are Forrest Chisholm, Gabriel Hearne, Gaston Gill, Paul Foskett, Slate Collier, Larry Young, Rick Hazelgrove, and Barry Bowen. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Memorial Park Funeral Home and Cemetery, 5668 Poplar Ave. Memphis, TN 38119, "Behind the Stone Wall."



Tribute Wall

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JW

Jean Meaney Wheatly posted:

You know my heart is with you even though I can't be. I was so as to have been there and let her know I love her. Now she is rejoicing with Uncle Will and her family at the Throne. Much love. DJ

February 23 at 6:08 PM

DS

Duane, Tonna, Téa, Zane, And Drake Snide posted:

Duane, Tonna, Téa, Zane, and Drake Snider purchased the Quiet Expressions for the family of Ruth Nelson.

February 23 at 2:01 PM

DD

Dennis & Donna Deppe posted:

Mrs. Nelson was such a special lady. I got to know her through her daughter, Sheri. We were blessed to be able to stay overnight with Mr. & Mrs. Nelson when our daughter needed oral surgery in Memphis. They were such gracious hosts. We enjoyed our visits with her whenever we drove through Memphis, or just made a day of it with Sheri. We know her absence on this earth will leave a hole in many hearts, but we rejoice with those who knew her & her love for her Lord Jesus. Knowing she is in His arms this moment is a reassurance for all of us. Great life, Ruth. I know you'll continue to have a great time in Heaven!

February 23 at 11:39 AM

RN

Randy Nash posted:

Steve, Marty, Cliff and Lindsey, Our deepest thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time. We know you and your family are in good hands with the fine folks at Memorial Park. Sincerely, Randy and Ashlee Nash

February 23 at 4:58 AM

RM

Ron And Charlotte Mathis posted:

Ron and Charlotte Mathis purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ruth Nelson.

February 22 at 3:07 PM



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BF

Believers Fellowship Church Family posted:

Believers Fellowship Church Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ruth Nelson.

February 22 at 2:58 PM

CM

Cissy Mays posted:

i am so sorry to hear of ruth's passing.she and her husband bill were wonderful neighbors of mine for years and were always willing to offer help or comfort. she was truely a wondeful lady. maryelinor (cissy) mays

February 22 at 6:45 AM

KF

Karla And Tim Britt And Family posted:

Karla and Tim Britt and family purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Ruth Nelson.

February 22 at 5:37 AM

JP

Jan M Patterson posted:

Jan M Patterson purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ruth Nelson.

February 22 at 3:53 AM

PM

Pat Wilkinson Moyers posted:

Steve and all the Nelson family members, I am so sorry for your loss. I remember your mother in my mom's SS class at Eudora and also as part of the Homemaker's group. Mrs. Ruth was always so friendly and kind, she exuded a warm that could only come from her relationship with Christ. My prayers will be with you and your families in the days to come. Pat Wilkinson Moyers

February 21 at 8:25 AM

KB

Kathy Bettles posted:

What a grand lady! Ruth was really inspirational to me in how I want to approach the next stage of life. She was sharp, inquisitive, and saw the beauty in life. Her family was blessed to have her for so many good years. Much love to all, Kathy

February 21 at 8:15 AM



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MP

Memorial Park posted:

Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ruth Nelson.

February 21 at 6:29 AM

CB

Chris Bounds posted:

What a great lady she was. We were so honored to call her Teus; she treated us as one of the family. She will be missed but we know she is celebrating in heaven with papa. Love, Richard & Chris Bounds

February 21 at 6:15 AM

JH

Joyce Hubbard posted:

Teus was one great lady, full of life and lots of fun to be with. Only met her a short time ago but loved her very much. Thoughts and prayers to all the family and friends, she will be missed by all. Love you, Joyce Hubbard

February 21 at 3:03 AM

DE

Darlene Edwards posted:

Bill and Karen and family, I'm so sorry for your loss. I loved the stories of her and wish I could have known her. Love you!

February 20 at 5:10 PM

MP

Memorial Park posted:

Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Ruth Nelson.

February 20 at 3:34 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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