



Ruth Miller

March 24, 1931 - March 24, 2015

Ruth Meredith Miller 84 of Ashland, KY died Tuesday March 24, 2015 at her residence. She was born March 24, 1931 in Charleston, WV the daughter of the late G. E. and Jessie Asbury Meredith. She attended Stonewall Jackson High School in Charleston, WV and a graduate of Marshall University. She was a former school teacher for the Ashland Public School System, with 25 years of service. She was a member of the First Christian Church Disciples of Christ, a Kentucky Colonel, member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Daughters of the Confederacy and a staunch Democrat. In addition to her parents she was also preceded in death by her husband Coach Rex Miller. Survivors include two sons; Dean Miller and wife Beverly of Lexington KY and Dr. Dan Miller and wife Pam of Atlanta GA, seven grandchildren; Shelby Miller, Jake Miller, Mackenzie Miller, Meagan Miller, Jordan Miller, Jackson Miller and Madelyn Miller. Funeral services will be conducted 11:00 AM Monday March 30, 2015 at Miller Funeral Home by Dr. Ike Nicholson. Burial will follow at Rose Hill Burial Park. The family will receive friends from 6:00 PM till 8:00 PM Sunday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the Ruth Miller Memorial Library Fund at, Paul G. Blazer High School, 1500 Blazer Blvd. Ashland KY 41101.

Cemetery Details

Rose Hill Burial Park

3801 13th Street
Ashland, KY 41101
millerfuneralhome@windstream.net

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 29. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Miller Funeral Home
1941 Carter Ave
Ashland, KY 41101
(606) 324-2141
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Service

MAR 30. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Granny,

*The Big Blue Nation, Thanks you for the added defense you gave them on the ND Irish's
3 pointer at the end of game!*

The Dean K. Miller Family

Dean Miller - March 29, 2015 at 01:08 AM

BR

“ *I worked with Ruth at Roberts Drive and she was such a delightful person. I loved listening to her stories about long ago and her wit. She will be sadly missed. God speed Ruth*

Betty Ricewick - March 27, 2015 at 12:06 PM

NL

“ *Nancy Lynch purchased the With Deepest Sympathy Gift Basket for the family of Ruth Miller.*



Nancy Lynch - March 27, 2015 at 09:38 AM

DA

“ My sister Jean and I never knew Ruth without Rex. They were married 11 Feb 1950, just about 7 months after I was born, and when Jean was not quite 2-1/2 years old. I was 9-1/2 and Jean was 11 when Dean and Danny were born, and by that time, Dad's company had moved us up to Toledo, Ohio from our home in Charleston, which was right next door to Aunt Jess and Uncle Jake Meredith's house, Ruth's parents. We came back to Charleston for annual family reunions around Independence Day. It was fun watching Dean and Danny grow up through the 1960s; but when I started to college and then went to grad school, I didn't get to Charleston with the family so regularly; so I fell out of touch with Ruth and Rex and the boys. However, Dad and Mom stayed in touch and were very interested in Dean and Dan's progress in school and in football. I believe Mom and Dad went to their graduation from Georgetown College in Kentucky, and Dad kept up with their careers and Dan's moving around the country as he became a physician.

One thing that might have contributed to Dad's close interest in Ruth's family might have been that he lived with Aunt Jess and Uncle Jake in the early 1930s. The 1930 Federal Census shows that he was living with them and working as a "service man" for an "oil company," while Uncle Jake - who later had his own Esso station at the base of Woodward Drive on which they lived - was a "salesman" for a "bakery." Dana had been born, but it would be another year after the census was taken before Ruth would be born; and I don't know how long Dad lived with them, though he married Mom in 1936. Whatever the case, I remember that Jean and I would spend time in Aunt Jess' kitchen, and she would serve us bread and butter with some of her homemade apple butter on it, and other times she would give us some of her tasty applesauce that had cinnamon drops cooked into it to add a bit of zest as well as a redder color to it.

After Dad died in 1990 and Mom moved to Carol Stream, IL from Toledo, Ruth kept in touch with Mom; and on a few occasions, when

Ruth was traveling in the area, she stopped by to visit with Mom, perhaps even staying over a night before going on to her other destinations. Mom valued Ruth's calls, correspondence, and visits highly, especially since Ruth kept her abreast of everything that was going on with Dean and Dan and their families.

In the years since Mom died in 2008, I've tried to get down to Charleston more than I had been able to earlier. A couple of years ago, Ruth came to Charleston while I was there and met Annabelle, Eddie, Trey, Amber, Breylan and me at a restaurant in Cross Lanes, just off of I-64. When we departed from there, Ruth gave me an envelope with \$100 in it, a very unexpected but welcome gift. I don't know what she knew of my financial circumstances, but whatever she knew or didn't know, I took it as a gift from her generous heart. Now, in retrospect, I am thankful I also stayed overnight with her this past January on my way from Charleston to my home in Illinois. We were going to compare some genealogical information each of us had collected from various sources. We got to chatting about other things, though; and she took me down to the basement to show me the myriad things that are there. (Good luck, Dean and Dan, in sorting through that mass of material!) So, we never got around to sharing the family data as we had planned. Nevertheless, it was a blessed time of sharing, and I was grateful I was able to spend that time with her.

Ruth loved Rex deeply and shared his enthusiasm for his work and the lives of their two sons and their families. She was also a faithful and long-suffering daughter to Aunt Jess in her waning years, even when Aunt Jess was not appreciative of all that Ruth was doing for her. Her sons and their wives and children brought her immense joy, and I'm guessing she reciprocated in fullness. The world is much richer for her having been with us.

Douglas Asbury - March 26, 2015 at 06:34 PM



“ *Dean and Danny, so sorry for your loss.*

Philip & Terri Hughes

Philip Hughes - March 26, 2015 at 12:45 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ruth Miller.*



March 26, 2015 at 11:13 AM