



## Ruby Campbell Bennett

February 22, 1910 - March 21, 2004

Ruby Campbell "Miss Ruby" Bennett, 94, went to be with the Lord on Sunday March 21, 2004. She was a native of Lumberton, NC and a devoted member of West Park Church of Christ. Her spirit prevailed though her body encountered physical challenges.

Mrs. Bennett was the widow of the late Odis Gray Bennett. Devoted daughter and friend, Nellie Jean B. West of Portsmouth, survive her. A host of nieces and nephews include Elizabeth E. Askew, Jean G. Schepp and her husband Bill, J. Robert Dean, Elton M. Dean and his wife Joyce, Frank D. Dean, Jimmy Dean and his wife Linda; special friends Sylvia Hanna, Chris West and his wife Leah, Bobby and Virgie Higginbotham; along with other family members and very dear friends. Miss Ruby was loved by many and will be dearly missed by those who knew her.

Miss Ruby was a remarkable, gracious, giving and compassionate woman who touched many lives. Her faith and strength stayed with her as she experienced the loss of her six brothers and sisters and many others who have been dear to her in her life.

Following Jean's move from Silver Springs, Maryland, the mother/daughter pair became inseparable. They went everywhere together. Whenever Jean's car left the driveway, Miss Ruby was in it. The pair traveled extensively during

the last six months of Miss Ruby's life even though she was limited to a wheelchair.

A funeral service will be held at 2:00 PM Tuesday at West Park Church of Christ, Portsmouth by the Senior Minister, Mr. Keith Lewis with internment in Meadowbrook Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends in Loving Funeral Home, Churchland Chapel Monday from 7-8:30PM. Memorial contributions may be made to West Park Church of Christ building fund.

# Tribute Wall



“ Dear dear Jean:

*I am so sad to hear that your Mom has passed away. I know how painful that is and wanted to send my heartfelt sympathy "and" empathy to you. I wish we all were better equipped to face these losses but simultaneously I guess it helps to know that these emotions are what has also helped us to become loving people in this world. I hope your Mom meets mine. I will write a private letter soon.*

*Love to you Jean.....Marilyn##imported-begin##Marilyn Moll##imported-end##*

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March 22, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Jean,

*I learned of your loss today from friends at Commerce. My thoughts immediately returned to several conversations we had over the years regarding your Mom, the fact that she was quite a pistol, your great friendship and how she would be a constant pal to you in retirement. I understand your loss. Some might think that at 94, Miss Ruby deserves her blessed reward, and of course they would be correct. Regardless of age, the absence to those who remain is palpable, and there will be lonely days ahead. Take comfort in the knowledge that you gave fullness to her years -- we should all be as lucky. My thoughts and prayers are with you; Miss Ruby assuredly does not need them.*

*Take care of yourself, John Phelan##imported-begin##John J. Phelan III##imported-end##*

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“ I am so very sorry about your loss. I know that miss Ruby is in a much better place. She is one of the few wonderful memories I have of my past. She was a kind and truly loving woman. I remember talking to her on Sunday mornings before service and she was always so happy and full of life. I hope that you are all well and you are in my thoughts as you go through this sad time.##imported-begin##JoAnn Montgomery##imported-end##

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“ God bless you. Although I know the loss of your mother is hard to bear, you were so fortunate to have had her company for so long. Please accept my sincere sympathy.##imported-begin##Pat Donley##imported-end##

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“ Nellie Jean you'll always be that to me!, I was sad/happy to hear about your mother's passing. Sad because you will miss her on this earth, but happy because she has joined so many of her friends and family in heaven! I hope you are doing well and will adjust to life without her. You never, never forget and a million things will remind you of her on a daily basis, but life does go on. Sharon and I still miss mama like crazy but we laugh and cry at everything she every touched! And I told Aaron long ago to save us a seat! I will be with you tomorrow in thought as you say your final goodbyes to Miss Ruby. Take care!

Love,

Sandy##imported-begin##Sandy Taliaferro##imported-end##

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