



Ruby Stout Brown

July 31, 1939 - February 21, 2021

Ruby Stout Brown, 81, of West Point, Virginia, passed away peacefully on February 21, 2021. She leaves behind a doting brother, Lawrence Stout and his wife Libby, a sister, Anne Bowen, her adoring daughter, Lynn Vogel and Lynn's servant-hearted husband Ken, the son-in-law she "kept", Richard Cline and his wife Ann, bonus son Greg Brown and his sweet wife Gale, her bonus son, Jeff Brown, and her nephew and his son, Arthur and Morgan Carter. She adored her grandchildren Noel Cline, Taylor Bloom and her husband Brent, Austin Vogel, Matt Brown and his wife Kate, and Lindsay Brown. She was also blessed with great-grandchildren Avery and Mason Brown and Ariel Bloom. Her parents, her husband Herman, her sister Dorothy Carter, and her firstborn son, Ricky, preceded her in death.

She was fondly referred to as "sister" and loved her family more than anything. It was often said she had the best southern hospitality and manners unless you crossed "her girls" or anyone else in her family. And to Ruby, almost everyone was family--she was known as a bonus mom to Lynn's friends and "Grandma Ruby" by many friends of her grandchildren.

Ruby was born and raised in West Point. After graduating from high school (where she was unable to start the first women's basketball team), she moved to Richmond. She worked for the phone company along with her sister Anne, and lived in a boarding house until she was married at 21.

After marrying her first husband who was serving in the Army, she moved to Germany with him. While in Germany she endured many things, but one of the hardest was the birth and death of her first child Ricky. Three months before she left Germany she found out she was pregnant again with her daughter Lynn who was born in Fort Benning.

At the age of 40, when her first marriage ended, she went to work in the payroll department at Chesapeake Corporation. To this day if you ever complained about the smell from the West Point mill she would say "you can't complain, it smells like bread & butter to me". She was determined to support and provide for her daughter after almost 20 years of being out of the workforce. When she was 59, she married the true love of her life, Herman Brown who encouraged her to retire and live life with him. This enabled her to thrive in her true passion and vocation - being a wife, mother, and grandmother.

She loved to travel - outside of living in Germany, she enjoyed traveling with her sisters to Hawaii, Disney World, the Grand Canyon, Las Vegas, and even conquered her fear of the water and took an Alaskan cruise. She also enjoyed traveling with, to, and/or for events in support of her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. If there was a road trip she was all-in and often would provide the vehicle. She loved being "the taxi" and would do anything for extra time with her family.

Outside of always being available and there for her family, she most notably was a creature of habit. If you were interested in getting in touch with her, you had to look no further than her weekly calendar - Wednesdays were pizza at Anna's with her lifelong friends, Fridays involved fried chicken at Hardee's often with Dorothy. She also had her standing hair appointment at Scissor Sounds with Tammy and Saturday evening dinner with Linda (and sometimes

Don) Hogge. Sundays involved church in the morning with Lynn and Ken at LifePointe Christian Church and dinner with Jeff. She had bi-weekly appointments at Simply Nails and periodic outings with her friends Yvonne and Linda. If it was the last full weekend of September, she would be traveling for her annual outing to the Amish country in Pennsylvania with her sister and daughter where she made new long-lasting friends and many secrets were shared.

She was easy to love and so much fun to be around. When teased, she would always say "You're going to miss me one day." She couldn't be more right. Those who knew her loved her, and will miss her terribly.

Never one for a desire for any attention, the family will have a private graveside service. In lieu of flowers, Ruby had asked that donations be made to the Wounded Warrior Project on her behalf, <http://woundedwarriorproject.org/>.

The family would like to thank Amedisys Hospice and the amazing care she received from Christi, Lori, and Rhonda. Special thanks also to her neighbor, Terry, who watched after her on F Street for many years.

Tribute Wall

BJ

“ Always heard positive things about Ruby and family- she surely touched many with her kindness and love for others. The world is a better place for example of how to live. Our heartfelt sympathy to her entire family and loving friends.

Bruce Johnson - March 05, 2021 at 10:02 PM

RH

“ Dear Lynn I thank God for the time he allowed me to spend with your mom, to know Ms Ruby was to love her. I provided her with loving care she returned the love. To you and your family Ms Ruby is now blooming rose in God's rose garden and what a beautiful rose she. Rhonda from AMEDISYS

RhondaGalloway-McCalister - February 27, 2021 at 07:26 PM

TP

“ Dear Lynn, I am so very sorry and sad for your loss. Anyone who knows you knows what a loving and special relationship you and your mom had, and what a difficult time this must be for you. Take care of yourself. Miss you. Tony

Tony P. - February 26, 2021 at 08:07 PM

T-

“ Temple Garnett -Burton sent a virtual gift in memory of Ruby Stout Brown



Temple Garnett -Burton - February 25, 2021 at 01:43 PM

SH

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. Ruby was a special lady. Thinking of all of you .

Sammy and Barbara Hodges

sammy Hodges - February 24, 2021 at 06:17 PM

MR

“ Mike Redford lit a candle in memory of Ruby Stout Brown



mike redford - February 24, 2021 at 03:21 PM

MR

“ She was a very nice lady I enjoyed seeing her when she came to the YMCA rest in peace Ruby I'm going to miss you prayers us to the family

mike redford - February 24, 2021 at 03:21 PM

HW

“ Henry Ward lit a candle in memory of Ruby Stout Brown



Henry Ward - February 24, 2021 at 12:59 PM

KE

“ Lynn and Family, Sorry for your loss. Ruby was always smiling and friendly. She would always speak and/or wave. She was a good neighbor. She would do anything for you if she could. She will be missed. Terry and Kathy



Kathy Estis - February 24, 2021 at 11:20 AM

GV

“ Geri Via lit a candle in memory of Ruby Stout Brown



Geri Via - February 24, 2021 at 09:57 AM

TG

“ Tina Gulley lit a candle in memory of Ruby Stout Brown



Tina Gulley - February 24, 2021 at 09:03 AM

TG

Sorry for your loss. Share your special memories with one another.

Tina Gulley - February 24, 2021 at 09:04 AM

RH

“ *Ruby Harwood lit a candle in memory of Ruby Stout Brown*



Ruby Harwood - February 24, 2021 at 08:21 AM

AW

“ *Avie Gerald Williams lit a candle in memory of Ruby Stout Brown*



Avie Gerald Williams - February 23, 2021 at 09:08 PM



“ *Abbi Williams lit a candle in memory of Ruby Stout Brown*



Abbi Williams - February 23, 2021 at 08:14 PM

BE

“ *Wonderful person, Ruby was. Our deepest sympathy to the family, God Bless!*

Beverly & Jim Ross



Beverly - February 23, 2021 at 07:08 PM

SH

“ Dear Lynn and Family: We are so sorry for your loss. Ruby was always smiling and so friendly. Lynn, you had a special Mom. She loved you so much and loved talking about you. She will be missed. Cherish the memories. Love you , girl—Sarah and Freddy

Sarah and Fred Hodges - February 23, 2021 at 04:40 PM

KW

“ Lynn and family - I am so sorry - I know how hard it is to be going through this. Lean on each other and keep those memories alive in your heart.
Ruby was one of a kind - I've known her my entire life and really got to know her and thoroughly enjoyed working with her at the mill. I know she had a great life with Herman and loved her girls, her family and friends so very much.
Much love, hugs and prayers to you all. Rest in peace - Ruby Duby
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Karen Wolford Wright - February 23, 2021 at 02:54 PM

GC

“ Dear Lynn and family,
I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your Mother.
Ruby was such a special lady.
And she was one of the jovial “Stout” sisters! I love that you always saw them together.
Cherish your precious memories until you can see her again.
With heartfelt sympathy.
Gloria Couch (formerly Foster)

Gloria Couch - February 23, 2021 at 02:04 PM

CD

“ Always enjoyed seeing and talking to Ruby! She was always full of life and was never too busy to chat whenever I saw her. Ruby and Herman were the perfect neighbors and I miss having them around. Sending lots of love and prayers to her family ... may their memories bring them smiles and comfort always! ❤️🙏❤️

Carol Davis - February 23, 2021 at 12:47 PM

KA

“ Ruby never seemed to meet a stranger or maybe that was just reserved for John and I, however I highly doubt it. She was a beautiful woman and I'm so blessed to have known/loved her however brief in this journey. Her legacy will live far beyond her years . . . For that, I am certain. Surrounding you all in prayers for peace and comfort, love and light. Rest in beautiful peace and glory Ruby; may your light forever shine.

Kathryn - February 23, 2021 at 12:00 PM

JP

“ Ruby was truly a sweetheart and will be missed by all who knew her. We send our love and sympathy to her family.

Judy and Glenn Palmer - February 23, 2021 at 11:11 AM