



Ruby M Bates

November 29, 1931 - March 26, 2020

Ruby Mae Bates passed away peacefully with family on March 26th, 2020.

Ruby was born on November 29, 1931 to Oren Scott Haynes and Ruth Mable Black, in Clifton, KS – she was the only girl with her three brothers Eugene, Neal, and Charles Haynes. Throughout her working life she held positions as a secretary, elderly care professional, and obtained a Real Estate license in the state of Kansas. She moved to Fort Collins, CO in the summer of 2001 to be closer to family after the passing of her husband David Bates.

Ruby is survived by her two children, Steve Crawford and Lori Emery, and Son-in-law Rick Emery of Fort Collins. Ruby has 1 granddaughter Auburn Emery, and two Step-grandchildren, Danielle and Kyle Emery, as well as a step-great granddaughter Madison Emery.

During her time in Fort Collins, Ruby was involved with Timberline Church as a greeter, prime-timers member, and a prayer group leader for “Ruby’s Bunch.” She was a devout Christian and loved all the friend she made over the years through Timberline Church.

In her spare time, Ruby enjoyed sewing, cooking, and LOVED to play cards. She had a bi-weekly game of hand and foot with a wonderful group of friends, as well as many other ongoing games in her retirement community.

While playing cards, Ruby was fortunate to meet Glenn Parker. They spent the last few months of Ruby's life together, playing cards, and enjoying each other's companionship. Ruby truly loved him.

Ruby was a loving mother, grandmother, aunt, friend, and partner. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Tribute Wall

BP

“*Ruby always had a smile, a kind word, and a willing heart to help wherever she could. She was such apart of our Primetimers that she leaves a void and will be greatly missed. I could always expect a "happy hello" and I called her "Ruby, Ruby"!!
Thanks Ruby for all you meant to so many people! Barb Phillips,
friend*

Barbara Phillips - April 16, 2020 at 09:41 AM

JG

“*I first met Ruby as a Greeter with Timberline Church. Ruby would pick up Jo Struempfer since they greeted together. I appreciated Ruby's dedication to whatever responsibility she took on. Her love of the Lord showed in the integrity with which she lived her life and her fun loving nature and her faith which carried her through her life. She was humble and always shared a smile with whomever she met. She was such an amazing, strong woman. My life is blessed to have known her. -Judy Grotenhuis*

Judy Grotenhuis - April 11, 2020 at 06:44 PM

OB

“*Oh, how I do and will miss Ruby!! She and I enjoyed so many things together. We rode together to church for many different activities, we talked on the phone often, were parts of stuffing bulletins, Rubies Bunch, Hand and Foot Game!! and almost any thing else going on. We enjoyed so many little things like clipping a coupon and having a hamburger or going to Dairy Queen and having a blizzard. Then we prayed together and sometimes we cried together but more than anything we laughed together. Oh yes I will and do miss Ruby!!!! Love, Ollie May Bass*

Ollie May Bass - April 06, 2020 at 02:20 PM

DM

“ *The most beautiful and strong woman I know. She was always so full of happiness and joy. Ruby is a Beautiful soul that watches over all she Loves. See you in Heaven Beautiful lady.*

Deborah Miller - April 04, 2020 at 05:16 PM

GW

“ *Ruby Bates was a beautiful friend that gave so much to all of us. At one time we were in a Bible study at Timberline Church and it was at that time we learned more about the love and honor that she gave to her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Her sweet attitude of gratefulness was an endearing quality that made one feel as if they were with royalty. Although Mom has preceded Ruby to heaven, she would want you to know how she admired Ruby. She used the beautiful special pocket on her walker that Ruby made. Ruby talked with such love about you, her family. May the Lord bLess you and bring comfort to you as you prepare for that day to meet her in heaven, too. In His love, daughter Gwen And. Mom, Phyllis Kovac*

gwen - April 04, 2020 at 01:47 PM

PT

“ *We bought Ruby and Dave's 5th wheel camper from her in 1998. We enjoyed vacationing in it for the next 20 years. Ruby was a very nice person. Peter and Shirley Tshudy.*

Peter Tshudy - April 04, 2020 at 01:20 PM

JM

“ *Ruby will be missed. I use to bowl with her and her husband and she sold me my first house in Kansas*

Joy McMichael - April 04, 2020 at 10:54 AM

LD

“ Rest In Peace beautiful Ruby! We will remember you with fond memories and so much love! ❤️
Lisa & Vince Duncan



lisa duncan - April 04, 2020 at 12:48 AM



“ Ruby always had a smile on her face and was such a blessing to all of us at Timberline Church! Thoughts and prayers to all of her family and friends!!

Stephanie Wiedeman - April 03, 2020 at 11:40 PM

SO

“ Ruby was a special lady who was full of beauty and grace. She loved her Lord, family and friends and showed that love in so many ways. I will miss her. Love and Prayers to her family.

Sharon Offord - April 03, 2020 at 07:19 PM

MS

“ Sending prayers, love and hugs to you all! Ruby, June and I use to go out for lunch sometimes for our birthdays, I stuffed bulletins with Ruby for years! She was a very Special lady! I will miss her!

Myrna Schwindt - April 03, 2020 at 06:24 PM

JM

“ *What a lovely Primetimer and greeter, Ruby was for Timberline Church! Her beautiful presence will be missed at Timberline. My prayers for you all as you grieve her loss here on earth until you are reunited in our Heavenly Home with our Lord.*

Jackie Martine

Jackie Martine - April 03, 2020 at 05:08 PM

MS

“ *My life was enriched by my friendship with Ruby. We spent many precious hours together sharing friendship. Ruby read the Bible to me and we confided in each other. I love her and will miss her.*

Jo Struempler

Michael Struempler - April 03, 2020 at 01:45 PM

EB

“ *In 2015, Ruby and I took a road trip from Ft. Collins to Scottsbluff NE to visit our friend Darlene Allen and meet up with Lois Matous Arnold and Bill Arnold from KS for the reunion. Ruby drove because she loved to and was good at it. She was a dear and faithful friend for more than 45 years. I am glad I will see her again in heaven.*

Eldene Burrows - April 03, 2020 at 12:45 PM