



Ruth G. Trentham

June 5, 1938 - May 15, 2025

Ruth G. Trentham, age 86, passed away Thursday morning, May 15, 2025, at Wellington Manor Assisted Living in Newport Tennessee. She and her twin sister, Ruby, were born June 5, 1938, to George W. and Lula Mae Petrey in Campbell County, Tennessee. They were adopted by Willie Mae Ottinger of Parrottsville, Tennessee, with the help of her sons, Reo and I.D., during the autumn of 1941.

Ruth was a proud graduate of the Parrottsville High School class of 1956. She, along with her husband Fred, were honorary alumni of Johnson University (formerly Johnson Bible College). She was among the first group of teachers' aides hired by Newport Grammar School in 1967. She worked for Triangle Paint and Floor Covering and the Holiday Inn of Newport where she served as front desk manager. She then worked at Wal-Mart of Newport in the shoe department until her retirement. Her spiritual journey began at the St. James Lutheran Church located in the southern part of Greene County, Tennessee. She then became a member of Long Creek Christian Church where she attended as a young married woman and mother. Upon moving to Newport, she and her family attended First Christian Church. She was a charter member of English Mountain Christian Church, beginning in 1967, where she served in a variety of capacities, including but not limited to Sunday School Teacher, Vice-President then President of the Women's Group, and Vacation Bible School Teacher. Ruth also provided many delicious dishes for a

variety of fellowship meals and social occasions at the church. She was preceded in death by her husband of almost 60 years, Fred R. Trentham, biological parents, George W. and Lula Mae Petrey, her mother Willie Mae Ottinger, her beloved twin sister, Ruby Gregg (Carroll) brothers Reo (Edith) Ottinger, I.D. (Eileen) Ottinger, Howard Haney, Dudley Dykes, and Herbert Petrey, sisters, Carrie Burchfield and Tiney Brewer, a niece, Donna Joyce Ottinger, and a nephew, Roy M. Trentham, Jr.

Left to mourn her passing and celebrate her life are her adoring and beloved son, Donald R. Trentham, of Knoxville, Tennessee, special nephew, Jeffery L. (Barbara) Ottinger, special great nephews Isaac (Morgan) Ottinger, Michael (Kelsey) Ottinger, and the joy and light of her life, her special great-great nephews, Chandler Allen Ottinger and Judson Cruz Ottinger, all of Parrottsville, Tennessee. She also leaves behind a sister-in-law, Evelyn Petree, as well as many other nieces and nephews as well as many friends.

Her son, Don, would like to thank Wellington Manor Assisted Living in Newport, Tennessee. Wellington Manor was Ruth's home for a little over three years. The staff of Wellington Manor provided consistent love, kindness, and care for Ruth up until the very end and neither they nor their efforts will ever be forgotten by Don and his family. Don would also like to thank Smoky Mountain Home Health and Hospice who loved and cared for Ruth in many wonderful ways.

Their kindness and care will also never be forgotten.

Don would also like to thank his wonderful friends Michael and Debbie Etter, Kristie Huffman, Susan Dominick, Laurie Craig and her family who assisted with Ruth during her last Christmas Eve service at Church Street United Methodist Church allowing Don to sing with the Parish Adult Choir, Kevin and Jami Anderson who sat with Ruth and Don on Christmas Day, 2014, while their husband and father, Fred, was being cared for in the emergency room at

Tennova Turkey Creek in Knoxville, Tennessee. Appreciation also goes to Church Street United Methodist Church in Knoxville, Tennessee, for their prayers for and support of Don and to the Parish Adult Choir of Church Street United Methodist Church, particularly the tenor section, for their love and support. Appreciation also goes to Johnson University where Don has served as a professor for the past 40 years and who has offered support, prayers, and encouragement during this very difficult journey.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday, May 20, 2025 from 5:00 until 7:00 pm at Manes Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at English Mountain Christian Church on Wed at 2:00, May, 21, 2025. Entombment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Gardens.

The family requests that memorial gifts be made in Ruth's memory to St. James Lutheran Church, 3220 St. James Road, Greeneville, Tennessee, 37743, or to Long Creek Christian Church, c/o 313 Pocohontas Street, Newport, Tennessee, 37821. Memorial gifts can also be made to East Tennessee Children's Hospital, 2018 Clinch Avenue, Knoxville, Tennessee, 37916.

Ruth was known for her love for all, her kindness and empathy, her faith, her selflessness, her seemingly effortless charm and grace, her sweetness, her sense of humor, and her contagious, wonderful laugh. She will be missed by all who were fortunate to know her.

Family and friends may sign the guest register online at www.manesfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements by Manes Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Receive Friends

MAY **20**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Manes Funeral Home Inc.
363 East Main Street
Newport, TN 37821
(423) 623-6952
manesfuneralhome@bellsouth.net
<https://www.manesfuneralhome.com/index.cfm>

Funeral service

MAY **21**. 2:00 PM.

English Mountain Christian Church

Tribute Wall



“ *Manes Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Ruth G. Trentham*



Manes Funeral Home, Inc. - May 19, 2025 at 03:28 PM

SF

Donnie we are so sorry for the loss of your mother. Our prayers are with you.

Sherry and Len Frisbee - May 21, 2025 at 08:06 PM

J(

“ *When I was growing up , the ladies of EMCC took me under their wings, Ruth being one of them. Very sweet and kind. My biggest memory was her singing. She had a beautiful voice.*

Judy Mink (Epley) - June 03, 2025 at 12:23 PM



“ Ruth was a good and faithful servant and such a sweet lady. She loved English Mountain Christian Church and we loved her. She was a favorite at our potlucks bringing her delicious pies! And I couldn't thank the members at EMCC enough for all they did for her too, mainly the years someone would be sure she had transportation to Church and 5th Sunday sings. She especially loved going to LongCreekChristian Church. She was a wonderful SS teacher. EMCC won't be the same without Ruth's sweet smile and hugs. She was loved and I'm forever grateful she came into my life. God bless you, Donnie, you will definitely miss her the most, she felt you hung the moon!

Ann Bridges - May 22, 2025 at 09:17 AM

KY

“ Worked with her at Walmart. She was the sweetest person.



Karen Yates - May 21, 2025 at 06:00 PM

CW

“ Ruth was such a lovely person and really made an impact on my life at a young age. She will be sorely missed!

Christina Wilson

christina wilson - May 21, 2025 at 02:07 PM

DR

“ Donald R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ruth G. Trentham.

Donald R. - May 20, 2025 at 08:43 PM



“ *Betty Tucker lit a candle in memory of Ruth Trentham*



Betty Tucker - May 20, 2025 at 10:27 AM



“ *I loved Miss Ruth! When I was a child Mr. Bd and Edna Caton would take me to church at English Mountain. Ruth was my Sunday school teacher for years ! I was the only student she was so loving and kind to me!*

Lynette Driskill Pierce - May 19, 2025 at 06:51 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ruth G. Trentham.*

May 19, 2025 at 04:54 PM



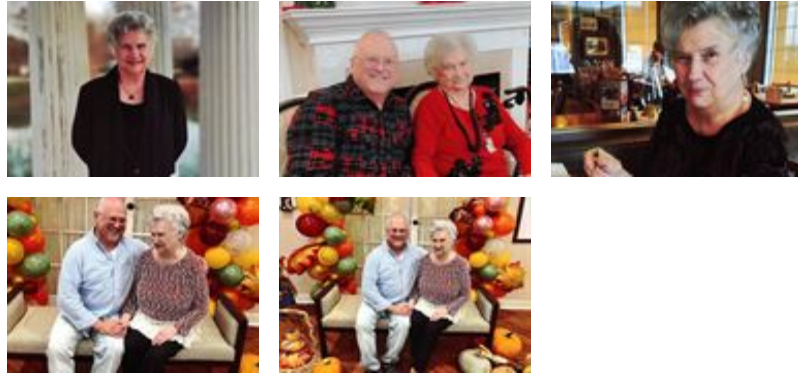
“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Ruth G. Trentham.*



May 19, 2025 at 04:54 PM



“ 65 files added to the album LifeTributes



Manes Funeral Home, Inc. - May 19, 2025 at 03:18 PM



So sorry for your loss Argell & Joey Hicks

Betty Tucker - May 20, 2025 at 10:30 AM

AM

“ Donnie, I'm so sorry to hear of your mom's passing. Ruth trained me at the Holiday Inn many years ago...I would visit Wellington and she recognized me and always talked to me. Prayers for you as you go forward.

Arzella Mantooth - May 19, 2025 at 10:41 AM

AB

“ Donnie, Mike and I are so very sorry to learn that your sweet Mother has passed. We have such fond memories of those times she and your Dad visited you in Knoxville. No parents could have been prouder of their son, and you could not have loved and honored her any better. We know your pain of loss, and celebrate with you that she is finally home with her Savior and the loved ones she has missed. We love you, dear friend, and are praying for peace and hope.

Amy Bliss

Amy Bliss - May 19, 2025 at 10:23 AM

MS

“ Donnie, I am so sorry to hear of your mother's passing. She was such a sweet woman and always special to my mother

Melanie Strickler - May 17, 2025 at 02:57 PM

CF

“ Donnie, I'm so sorry for your loss of your precious Mother. It was such a joy to see her sweet smile and wave every day when I visited my Dad at Wellington. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Randall and Connie Frisbee



Connie Frisbee - May 17, 2025 at 11:26 AM

MF

“ Don, there is no way to get around grief, only to get through it. Know that you are in the hands of God and you are never alone. Ruth was a very special woman.

- Myra G Fowler

Myra Fowler - May 17, 2025 at 11:25 AM

CB

“ Aunt Ruth such a sweet precious lady! Always a smile on her face! You will be missed! Donnie we're so sorry for your loss but you had a wonderful loving mother! Love and prayers Glenn and Brenda Cameron

Cameron Brenda - May 17, 2025 at 10:33 AM

CB

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Cameron Brenda - May 17, 2025 at 10:29 AM

SC

“ I've known Ruth for many many years. We attended the same church. I loved her as a friend. What a kind loving person she was. I always called her sweet pea she really liked that. I will always remember her sincerely Sheila creveling

Sheila Creveling - May 17, 2025 at 08:09 AM

JC

“ I am so sorry to hear about Ruth's passing. I knew Ruth from English Mtn. Christian Church. She was the sweetest lady, and always had a smile on her face. She will be dearly missed.

Jennifer Crum - May 16, 2025 at 11:31 PM

NS

“ Donnie , I am so sorry about your Mom passing. As you know she was a special and sweet lady. I enjoyed working with her at WalMart and after she left she would still come through my checkout. I saw her at Wellington and she was well satisfied and seemed very happy there. Please accept my deepest condolences. Nancy Swanger

Nancy Swanger - May 16, 2025 at 09:26 PM

TW

“ As we are supposed to cry when a child is born, and rejoice when someone passes... I have did both in the passing of “My Queen”. I have cried because I will miss her dearly, yet I am rejoicing in knowing that she is at peace. She is with Ruby, which she missed so much. She is with our Lord and Savior! I can only imagine the smile on her face now! I’m thankful that God brought me to Wellington Manor, and I will forever be grateful that I had the opportunity to get to know, love, and care for “My Queen”. She was loved tremendously, and definitely will be missed!

Tracy Webb - May 16, 2025 at 07:35 PM

LA

“ Thank you Donnie for allowing me the privilege of knowing and loving your sweet mother, who loved everyone but adored her son a son who was forever faithful and grateful for his mother! so again thank you for sharing her with me. I am very sorry for your loss but so Happy she is where she has wanted to be for a while!

Libby Atkins - May 16, 2025 at 05:33 PM