



## Virgie Ruth Sprouse

February 5, 1933 - March 10, 2013

Bennett-May-Giles County Funeral Home, 1910 Elkton Pike, Pulaski, Tn.

Virgie Ruth Sprouse of Mt. Pleasant, Tennessee passed away Sunday, March 10, 2013 in Mt. Pleasant. She was born on February 5, 1933 in Rose Hill, Tennessee and was 80 years old. She a member of the Church of God in Pulaski, a waitress and loved to bake.

Visitation will be Tuesday, March 12th from 4:00pm until 8:00pm at Bennett-May-Giles County Funeral Home. Funeral service will be Wednesday, March 13th at 1 o'clock in the chapel of Bennett-May-Giles County Funeral Home with Bro. Dale Myers officiating. Burial will follow in Maplewood Cemetery, Pulaski, Tennessee.

She was preceded in death by her, husband, James Herbert Sprouse  
parents, LeRoy and Effie Beets Goats  
son, Larry Sprouse  
sisters, Leda Marie McGee, Imogene Castell, Clarice Payne and Loraine Schultz, Mary Ellen Thompson.  
brothers, LeRoy Goats, James Loyd Goats  
sister-in-law, Betty Pittman

She is survived by her,

son, Ronnie Sprouse and wife Faye of Lewisburg  
son, James Sprouse and wife Sherry of Columbia  
son, Randall Sprouse, and wife Joyce of Mt. Pleasant  
son, Jackie Sprouse and wife Gay of Columbia  
son, Donnie Sprouse of Pulaski  
daughter, Teresa Ann Sprouse Hargrove and friend Anthony J. Chunn of Mt.  
Pleasant  
17 grandchildren, Michael, Christopher, Michelle, Steven, Bradley, Stevie,  
Amanda, Jason, Brandon, Linda, Jada, Joshua, Heather, Amber, Rebecca,  
Leah Chunn  
sister, Joyce Brooks (Robert) of Athens  
brother-in-law, Walter Sholtz of Hickson, Tn. special grandchild and caregivers,  
Johnthan, Michelle, Teresa, Tonya  
several nieces and nephews also survive.

Bennett-May-Giles County Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements for  
Virgie Ruth Sprouse.

# Tribute Wall

CF

“ We worked together in Pulaski ,Tn. years ago. Joyce Brooks, Ruth's Sister, is my Sister -in Law God Bless Cathy

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**Cathy Brooks Wilford - Elkmont, , AL - A good Frined** - February 10, 2013 at 02:44 PM

MN

“ I knew her as my Aunt Ruth and what a special lady! I remember my Dad, Mom, and my little sister Pam going to the hollow to visit Aunt Ruth and Uncle Herbert. I so enjoyed those visits with family and especially the time I spent with Ronnie and Larry. Aunt Ruth was always a gracious host and one heck of a cook. I have special memories of all the Goats family reunions some of which I have captured on film. Over the years, I often heard of the many health issues Aunt Ruth encountered yet you would never know when you were in her presence. Her infectious smile and genuine warmth always made me feel good. I am so glad I was able to visit Aunt Ruth in Columbia, Tennessee on the day of her sister's and my mother's funeral. In fact, all of us Aubrey, Carolyn, Pam and myself visited her at the hospital along with Uncle Bob and Aunt Joyce. Aunt Ruth was in a big laughing and recalling her fondest memories. I will miss her dearly as I do all the unique characters in the Goats family who have gone before. My condolences to the family. You have been such a blessed support for Aunt Ruth during some difficult times. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Rest in peace Aunt Ruth and say hello to Mom and Dad for me!

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**Mike Casteel - Greenville, SC - Nephew** - February 10, 2013 at 02:44 PM

JS

“Ruth will be greatly missed by family and friends. My heart goes out to Joyce and all of her children, grandchildren, and the many that are missing this sweet lady tonight. Sending prayers of comfort and peace to your family.

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**Jennifer Casteel Terlizzi - Greenville, SC** - February 10, 2013 at 02:44 PM

BN

“Although Ruth was my Aunt, I've always called her Ruth. What a lovely, loving person, she has always been. Mike, I remember going to Ruth's house, too, and playing with Ronnie and Larry. It was years ago and I don't know if they remember me (Clarice's daughter), but I remember them.

*Ruth and I had the most joyous conversations about the Lord and her great love for Him. She told me of her prison ministry, her trips on the bus to revival services in Ohio and elsewhere. She was in a horrible car accident when she was only 18 yrs. old, and suffered from those injuries most of her life. I never heard her complain - quite the opposite - she was always happy and telling what the Lord was doing in her life. What a Giver! She loved her children and her husband, and I believe everyone she met.*

*My life has been blessed by my precious Aunt and I am so happy for her! It is hard for those who are left - missing her - and prayers are going up for all her family. But I know that she is the happiest she has ever been right now. She has seen Jesus by now and the Father and has met her family who has gone to Heaven before her. Such Joy Unspeakable!*

*Love you, Ruth!!!! Brenda*

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**Brenda Payne Hofstetter - Yukon, OK - Niece** - February 10, 2013 at 02:44 PM

PN

“ I will miss Aunt Ruth, I have wonderful memories of visiting her at her home, and at my parents' home, as both a child and adult. She was kind and thoughtful to everyone, that she met. She will be missed by family and friends. My deepest sympathy to her children, and Aunt Joyce.

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**Pat O'Lane (Leroy's daughter) - Aurora, CO - niece** - February 10, 2013 at 02:44 PM

MF

“ Mrs. Ruth will always hold a special place in my heart. She was always so kind to me, and every time we talked, it seemed like she always brought the Lord into it.  
I will always remember how much she loved everyone, and every one she met, was welcomed by her. And boy how she loved her family!  
It's been a real blessing to have known her. And I'm sure she's in Heaven right this very moment, just talking up a storm.

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**Mike Henson - Pulaski, TN - Family Friend** - February 10, 2013 at 02:44 PM

SS

“ To My Aunt Ruth, My favorite Aunt

*I love you very much and will miss you so much...I will miss all the long talks we have had as a young girl and as an adult. Sometimes they were very long talks until I feel asleep. Thank you for them....*

*You were a strong woman in many ways, and I always admired your courage .and how you loved your family. Through good times and hard times you always had faith that God would see you through it and he did. You said you have to have "faith," and you are right.*

*You were like a sister to my mom and you two were inseparable at times...you*

*both were so funny!!!!*

*Thanks for all the good memories and tell my mom hello, Uncle Herbert and Larry Love you always XO XO Sherry Belle*

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**Sherry Robison-Spencer - LaPorte, IN - niece (Betty Sprouse-Pittman) -**  
February 10, 2013 at 02:44 PM

DF

“ So sorry for your loss. I know this is a most difficult time. Please extend my sympathy to all Mrs. Sprouse' family.

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**Debbie (Stewart) Bunn - Pulaski, TN - friend -** February 10, 2013 at 02:44 PM