



Ruth M. Smoot

May 11, 1935 - September 20, 2022

Ruth Marion Smoot was born on May 11, 1935, to Beulah Mae Barrett Childress and Leroy Childress in Galveston, TX. When Ruth was a young girl, her mom moved her and her sister, Barbara Beatrice to Fort Worth, TX. Ruth graduated from I.M. Terrell High School in 1951. After high school, Ruth had the opportunity to attend college at Abilene Christian College, but instead elected to begin working.

In 1951, Ruth and her mom moved to San Diego, CA and soon thereafter, she married her first husband, Roy G. Anderson, with whom she had one child, Russell Wayne Anderson, Sr. Prior to the birth of Russell, the couple relocated to Los Angeles and Ruth began working for Los Angeles County where she remained employed until 1973.

Ruth married her second husband, Kenneth Dwight Smoot, in 1964 and in 1966 they celebrated the birth of their only child together, Sharon Elizabeth Smoot. She was a loving stepmother to Kenneth's daughters, Cynthia Margot Smoot and Kathy Nicole Smoot.

Ruth continued to advance in her career and held various corporate positions at California Federal Bank, but always had a desire to obtain a college degree. So in the mid 1980's she began attending college at West Los Angeles City College and later at Cal State L.A.

With just one year remaining to complete her degree, an improbable opportunity presented itself in 1991 and she just couldn't pass it up. Ruth accepted a position as a management consultant with West Hudson.

Accepting the position meant the end of her pursuit of a degree because the job required her to travel, but she had no regrets. Ruth excelled in her work at West Hudson where she remained until she retired in 1997.

After retiring, Ruth went to work in her daughter's law firm where she played an integral role in the day-to-day operations of the office. Ruth was an avid reader and an aspiring writer. She enjoyed bowling, going to the movies and traveling. As a matter of fact, Ruth was a world traveler, having visited Africa, Asia, the Holy Land, and various islands in the Caribbean as well as many of the 50 states. Her final vacation was a two-week cruise with her daughter to the Eastern Mediterranean in 2010. And if her destination included a casino, she considered that to be an added bonus.

Those who cherish her memory include: her daughter, Sharon, her grandchildren, Nicole, Russell, Jr. and Gabriel, many nieces and nephews and other relatives and friends.

Ruth Marion Smoot will be truly missed

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **30**. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Gregory B Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory
4347 Flat Shoals Pkwy
Decatur, GA 30034
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Tribute Wall



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Sharon Smoot - October 02, 2022 at 09:18 AM

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“ Her smile was precious. Her laugh was contagious. Her heart was bigger than both. These are the attributes that added to the character of Ruth M. Smoot. I met her at work, and she made working at Cal Fed a joy. Little did I know that our work interaction would journey into a 33-year friendship. I will miss my friend, but I know she's in the presence of Almighty God, and that means she's in Good Care.

Melonie

Melonie Thomas - September 29, 2022 at 01:24 PM

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“ Aunt Ruth was the absolute best I mean everyone knows in most families women will call the shots. Aunt Ruth's husband was my mothers brother and you would have thought that she was related to me by blood. She was so good to me. I don't know what I did to deserve Aunt like her. She was amazing. And I will always cherish the times when I got to go spend the night at her house. She was always kind , would always answer my questions and she would always help me anyway that she could. I will always carry her in my heart

bree - September 26, 2022 at 05:51 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Ruth M. Smoot.*



September 25, 2022 at 08:05 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Ruth M. Smoot.*



September 24, 2022 at 01:56 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Ruth M. Smoot.*



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Sharon Smoot - September 22, 2022 at 03:21 PM