



## Ruth Baxley

January 23, 1918 - September 13, 2012

Funeral Services for Mrs. Ruth Purvis Baxley will be conducted, Monday, 11AM in the Toombsboro Baptist Church. Interment will follow in the Ebenezer Cemetery. The family will receive friends at Williams White Columns Funeral Home of Gordon, Sunday afternoon from 4-6PM. Mrs. Baxley, 94, passed away Thursday, September 13, 2012. She was a native of Ruby South Carolina and had made her home in Wilkinson County since 1950. She spent 43 years in education working for the Wilkinson County School System as a Teacher/Principal. Mrs. Baxley was the daughter of the late Rev. James and Beulah Rivers Purvis and was preceded in death by her husband Waldo Baxley and son Terry Baxley. She was a 62 year member of Toombsboro Baptist Church. Survivors include daughters Amy (Jim) Riddle of Drumright, OK, Dawn Baxley of Toombsboro, GA, Daughter in law- Nancy Baxley of Toombsboro, Grandchildren- Sherri Riner, Jonathan (Jinny) Potter, Glenn Baxley, Avery (Ryan) Lytle, Ginger (Chris) Colson, Jenifer (Greg) Ward, Gina Alexander, and Matt Riddle, and 7 Great Grandchildren. Flowers accepted and those who wish memorial contributions may be made to Toombsboro Baptist Church, American Cancer Society, and Georgia Baptist Children's Home.

# Tribute Wall

CD

“ We have so many good school memories of Mrs. Baxley. She was a sweet lady. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Cindy and Richard Dennard - October 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ Ms. Ruth was an inspiration to this community. She has accomplished so many things in her life and she never failed to give God the glory for it all. Everyone knows that she was a teacher most of her life, but what many people don't know is that up until a few months ago she was a student. She took computer classes at the library in Irwinton for several years. I had the great pleasure of being her teacher. The first day of computer class Ms. Ruth said The only thing I want to learn to do is type my documents for church. I'm too old to learn to use the internet. The next year Ms. Ruth arranged her class reunion through the internet. When she learned to e-mail she was so excited. I love Ms. Ruth very much and I will miss her. God Bless you all!!

Arlene Bache - September 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ Amy and Dawn, please accept our deepest sympathy. Your mom will always remain a precious memory for all who had the honor of knowing her.

Bonnie and Don Wheeler - September 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ Baxley family. From all your Toombsboro friends and family, so sorry for loss. Wonderful lady to all. Will be missed in Toombsboro.

KarenLaneMccoy - September 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ You are in our daily thoughts and prayers. May the wonderful times and memories that you shared bring you comfort.

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**Tony and Susan Budrys** - September 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ My thought and prayers are with you. Ms Ruth was a wonderful person and I thought of her like family. Please let me know if you need anything

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**Dee sanders** - September 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ We will miss you. Your smile always gave us a lift. Thank you for being a Christian Teacher.

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**Rev. & Mrs. Henry McMichael** - September 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ Our Condolence to the Baxley family . May God be with the family through this time. May God Bless!

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**James, Jessica, Abigail Thompson** - September 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ Dear Family: We are so sorry to hear about our cousin Ruth! We visited her at her home in January, 2011 for her birthday. That day was also my birthday and also my brother Bill's! On Jan.23, 2012 our grandchild Sophia was also born on the 3 cousins Jan. 23rd birthday! We adored our visit with Ruth and had hopes of seeing her again. Distance from Chesterfield, SC to Georgia made it difficult, as well as illnesses that befelled my aunt and elderly brother (Bill) who visited Ruth with us in 2011. Please accept our sympathy and love, Alice (Rivers) & Sammie Copeland Chesterfield, SC

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**Alice (Rivers) Copeland** - September 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CV

“ So sorry about the loss of Mrs. Baxley. She was a remarkable and loving person. She was an inspiration to all. She will be missed.

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**Claudette Vance** - September 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ Thoughts and prayers to the Baxley family at this difficult time. Ruth and my Mom were best friends growing up in South Carolina. Its been my honor to know such a mighty fine lady. God Bless and watch over you all!

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**don thompson** - September 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LN

“ We are so very sorry for the loss of your mom. She was such a fine lady.

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**Lamar & Phyllis Pierce Nelson** - September 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ I am so very sorry to hear of Mrs. Ruth's passing. She was a wonderful teacher who expected the very best from her students. Her teachings still follow me today--to do my very best. God Speed to a wonderful, sweet lady. You will be greatly missed

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**Carolyn Balkcom** - September 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Mrs Baxley was a fine lady. A christian and was in wilkinson co school systems as far back as 1968. You were welcomed to her home .May God bring you peace knowing she is with God.

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**Marie Massengale** - September 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ We were so saddened to hear of Mrs. Baxley's passing. She was such an inspiration to so many of us during our education years. She will be missed. May God bless each of the family during this time of loss.

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**Leslie and Julie Brooks** - September 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ May God Bless you, Mrs. Ruth was a wonderful woman and will be missed by many. She has Blessed my family and watch each of us grow. I Love each of you very much. Penny, Paul, Brandon, Hannah and Macey

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**Penny Walker** - September 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EH

“ Remembering the loving caring teacher. She was a special person always smiling and full of life' She made a big difference in all of our lives. We loved her. CLASS of 58

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**eva herrin** - September 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ To our beloved Baxley families. We want to extend our sympathy for your loss. We know how your hearts are hurting. God will take care of all your pain and sorrow. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. We will also miss Aunt Ruth but we will always have all of our memories of time spent with her. Again our deepest sympathy . Love, Kay, Stanley, and Oren

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**Kay B. McBee, Stanley Baxley and Oren Baxley** - September 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ I have heard that one rarely remember who won the Oscar or world series in past years, but people that influence your life you remember forever. Mrs Baxley was that kind of person and she had influence on my life and the life of many other students in Wilkinson county. Please accept my condolence at her death and know that we were a better community because of her.

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**Charles Brack** - September 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ A dear lady who created wonderful memories for children in Wilkinson county, including myself. Maynthe Lord give comfort to, family and friends.

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**Tamara Criswell Callaway** - September 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ We are thinking and praying for you all. I have fond memories of Mrs. Ruth. She will be missed.

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**Brian and Ashley Shrewsbury** - September 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LY

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Mrs. Baxley will surely be missed by all who knew her. May God bring peace and healing to you all.

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**Lucius & Vickie Youngblood** - September 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ I want to extend my condolences to the Baxley. Ms Baxley was a fine, sweet and loving person. I am one of the Class of 58 and she was so special to me.

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**June Raines Tabor** - September 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

WA

“ *The WARRIOR NATION mourns the passing of a True BLUE BLOOD WARRIOR.*

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**Wilkinson Co. Alumni Association** - September 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ *Sorry to hear about this Jonathan, I remember her letting us have band practice in her house, she was always so nice. My Dad would talk about her a lot, and how good of a Lady she was, I believe she taught him in school. God Bless you and yours*

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**Chris Ezelle & Josie Ballard** - September 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ *Mrs. Baxley was one of the most amazing people I've had the privilege to know. She was an outstanding educator, always having a positive word for everyone; an amazing friend who always was there to support any member of my family and extraordinary human being. She always made everyone feel so special and brought out the best in everyone who crossed her path. I am proud to have known her and will miss her greatly. I have a letter that she wrote recommending me for an international position...It is one of the most cherished possessions that I have. Her positive impact will live on in the hundreds of lives that she has touched.*

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**Dr. Jayne Michelle Fountain** - September 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ *All our best to the family. We were fortunate to meet this impressive woman who lived and impressive life.*

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**Martha Dennis** - September 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

FC

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. May God Bless You All.

Friends from Liberty Baptist Church - September 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Many of my fondest childhood memories include Mrs. Baxley and the farm. One of the sweetest ladies I've ever known. My thought and prayers are with the family.

Rhiannon Stapleton - September 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Mrs. Baxley touched my life in so many ways. I first met her at Toombsboro Baptist Church, the church I attended as a child and a young adult. She was always an inspiration. Then, I attended the school system in which she worked as a principal. Mrs. Baxley was always positive. Later, our lives crossed during my adult life. In fact, she sent me a personal congratulatory card when I received a higher degree just last year. She even touched my children's lives. My oldest child has fond memories of visiting her house every Easter for the big Easter egg hunt. It seems that Mrs. Baxley just kept inspiring others with her acts of kindness. Every time I think of her, I will always remember her great Christian example. Thank you Mrs. Baxley for making a difference. You will be missed.

Susan J. Brooks - September 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ Remembering the fond memories of Mrs. Ruth and the love she had for all the students in the school system. She's now holding class and sharing those words of wisdom with the angels. May love and prayers from far and near give each of you comfort.

Bruce Helton (Forsyth, GA) - September 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ God Bless to the family of Mrs. Ruth Baxley. She was and is truly one of God's Angels. We Love and will miss you Mrs. Baxley. The families of Burt & Susan Brown and Brian & Kelly Hall

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**Kelly Brown Hall** - September 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PJ

“ Dear Baxley Family, Please know that each of you are in my thoughts and prayers. Your loved one and my friend Miss Ruth was a true Christian Lady, and an inspiration to all who knew her. I will cherish all of the wonderful conversations that she and I shared. Just know that our loss is truly Heaven's gain. I know that we will see her again in that house not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens. Rest in peace Miss Ruth, for your works will follow you in all the lives you have touched. In Christ's Love, Phillip Caulder, Jr. Chesterfield, SC

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**Phillip Caulder, Jr.** - September 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ I remember Mrs. Baxley fondly. She was a great teacher and had an effect on many students over the years. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

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**Leonie Hardie** - September 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ Mrs. Baxley was such a fine lady. If there were more like her, the world would be a better place! Cherish the wonderful memories you have! Grace & peace to all of the family!

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**Ethel Beck** - September 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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Phyllis Pierce Nelson - January 01, 1900 at 12:00 AM

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