



Linda Ruth (Houston) Ousley

April 8, 1927 - October 8, 2021

Linda Ruth Houston Ousley, known by most as "Ruth," passed away on October 8, 2021, at the exact age of 94-and-a-half, a detail she would have appreciated as the keeper of birthdays and important dates in the family. Ruth was born April 8, 1927, in Sharps Chapel, Tennessee, to Ottis and Grace (Walker) Houston. She started out in a one-room schoolhouse where she met her future husband, John Ousley. The two married in 1950 and moved to the less scenic central Indiana in pursuit of flatter farmland. Ruth later worked for Delco Remy, from where she retired.

Ruth often went back to the Houston farm in Tennessee to spend time with her family, and especially loved the annual Molasses Making event that doubled as a family reunion. She took pride in "making sure you had enough to eat," her grapevines, her tomato and green bean plants, her rose bushes, her annual Easter Bunny Cakes, and festive holiday decorations. She enjoyed contributing to school bake sales and was once presented an award for "providing the best snacks." She loved telling stories about "the old days." Most of all she cherished every moment spent with her family, was always there for them, and never took a single moment with them for granted.

Ruth was preceded in death by her husband John Ousley, her parents Ottis and Grace Houston, her brother, Samuel Lee Houston (KIA-WWII), her sister Ada Mae Houston, and her brother, Jimmy Rae Houston. Survivors include

her son, Michael (Susan) Ousley, grandson Matthew (Danielle) Ousley, great-granddaughter, Lillian Ruthann Ousley, and sister-in-law Meryl Houston. She also had "a whole slew" of cousins, nieces and nephews, in-law relations, and many friends, all of whom she treated as close family.

Although she would tell us "not to make a big fuss over her," the funeral will be on Saturday, October 23 at 1:00 P.M. at Loose Funeral Homes & Crematory, 200 W. 53rd Street, Anderson, with visitation from 11:00 A.M. until service time. Burial will be at Maplewood Cemetery.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Parkinson's Foundation, 200 SE 1st Street, Suite 800, Miami, FL 33131.

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Cemetery Details

East Maplewood Cemetery

200 College Drive
Anderson, IN 46012

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **23**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Loose Funeral Homes & Crematory
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Anderson, IN 46013
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Service

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“ *Barbara S. purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Linda Ruth (Houston) Ousley.*



Barbara S. - October 20, 2021 at 12:38 PM

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“ After years of hoping for a child, Aunt Ruth and Uncle John had somewhat come to believe that a child was not in the future. When I was pregnant with Lynn, they told me that I was not the only one with a “bundle of joy” in the future. I was as thrilled with their news as I was with my own. Mike and Lynn were born 3 months apart! Both are special for many reasons but both were a blessing to each family (and still are).

I lived with Uncle John and Aunt Ruth most of my freshman year in high school. What a hoot that was! Aunt Ruth yelled at Uncle John and me many evenings because she could not sleep with the noise we were making (she had to get up at 4 am to go to work). I loved them both very much and truly treasure the time I was privileged to spend with them. They will both will have a special place in my heart forever.

sue humphrey - October 20, 2021 at 12:07 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Linda Ruth (Houston) Ousley.



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“ Mike, Susan, Matthew, Danielle, and Lilly, Aunt Ruth will always be remembered as a fun loving and special lady. I was only kin by marriage but that didn't matter, I was always treated as family. Her memories, along with all the good times we were part of will always be special to me! Even the time she smoked me out of the kitchen frying canned sausage. Her pineapple upside down cakes, and her fruit bread were some of the best ever. You could always count on a good time when she was around! Rest In Peace Aunt Ruth you will always hold a special place in my heart.

Stacy Rhodes - October 19, 2021 at 06:13 PM