

Ruth Colley Strain
July 29, 1941-July 21, 2020

Ruth Colley Strain was born on July 29, 1941, in Goodwater, Alabama. She passed away peacefully at home on Tuesday, July 21, 2020. Ruth was the daughter of James Oscar “J.O.” Colley and Mary Griffin Colley, and sister to Emily Colley Ritchey (Royal) and brother, Sanford Colley. In 1959, she met Karl Bryant Strain at Howard College (now Samford University). She was an Education major at Samford and a cheerleader for three years. Ruth and Bryant married at First Baptist Church, Russellville, Alabama on January 19, 1963.

Ruth loved spending time with her family. She also enjoyed traveling, walking on the beach collecting shells, playing the piano, cooking, and sewing. Ruth’s career as an elementary school teacher spanned over 25 years, teaching 2nd graders at Cherokee Bend Elementary School. Her class was always known as “The Strain Train”. She also faithfully served at Brookwood Baptist for 25 years as a Sunday School teacher, a member of the sanctuary and handbell choirs, a youth retreat chaperone, and a volunteer of Builders for Christ.

Ruth was preceded in death by her parents, J.O. and Mary Colley. She is survived by her husband of 57 years, Dr. Bryant Strain; her sister and brother, Emily Ritchey (Royal) and Sanford Colley; her son and daughter-in-law, Karl and Jennifer Strain; her daughter and son-in-law, Allison and Tommy Fuller; and her grandchildren, Anna, Caitlin and Joshua Gerard, Sara Strain, Kate, Grace and Chloe Fuller. Surviving members of her extended family include Colleen and John Harris, Lauren and Barry Studdard, Danica and Kevin Colley, and Deonna and Keith Strain.

A Life Well Lived
Ruth Colley Strain

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| Prelude | Mrs. Melinda Dressler |
| Welcome and Invocation | Dr. Blake Dempsey |
| Introduction | Dr. Bryant Strain |
| Hymn | Congregation <i>Amazing Grace</i> |
| Family Remembrances | Grandchildren Represented by Anna and Caitlin Gerard |
| Scripture Reading | Dr. Thomas Fuller <i>Proverbs 31:10-12, 20, 25-31</i> |
| Pastoral Prayer | Dr. Thomas Fuller |
| Piano Solo | Mrs. Melinda Dressler <i>To God Be The Glory</i> |
| Message | Dr. Bryant Strain |
| Benediction | Dr. Blake Dempsey |
| Postlude | Mrs. Melinda Dressler |

The family will remain at the front of the Sanctuary following the service to visit with guests.

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Memorial Gifts

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that
memorial gifts be made to:

Alabama Baptist Children's Homes
& Family Ministries
2681 Rocky Ridge Lane
Birmingham, Alabama 35216

Brookwood Builders for Christ
Brookwood Baptist Church
3449 Overton Road
Birmingham, AL 35223



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July 26, 2020

2:30 pm

Brookwood Baptist Church