



Ruby B. Meek

April 6, 1928 - July 22, 2015

Ruby B. Meek, 87, was welcomed into the Kingdom of Heaven in the early hours of July 22, 2015. Ruby was born April 6, 1928 in Hattiesburg, MS and spent her childhood in Laurel, MS. At the age of 16, she graduated high school and moved to Tennessee where she attended Lee College. She met James Meek during a Sunday School lesson she was teaching at church in May of 1949, and the two were married 6 months later. In 1952, they moved to Albuquerque where they made their permanent home and raised 2 children, Jim and Carole. Ruby operated her own business, Meek Photography, from 1960 to 1999. She had a strong love of music, specifically Southern Gospel, and taught piano and guitar lessons, as well as played many services at several local churches. Passionate about working with children, Ruby was the Bernalillo County 4-H Rabbit and Photography leader and was an integral part of the rabbit exhibit at the State Fair for many years. She also served as the Los Duranes Neighborhood Association President for 6 years.

Ruby is survived by her son, James E. Meek, Jr.; daughter, Carole A. Meek-Bowers; two granddaughters, Amanda Chavez and Elizabeth Steplowski; great-granddaughter, Ashley; her half-sisters Mary Joyce Robinson, Shirley Ann Shortridge, and Janet Polson, and her half-brothers, Victor Benton Boutwell and Hillary Benton Boutwell, Jr. She was preceded in death by her husband of 65 years, James E. Meek, Sr.; her parents, Hillary and Oreé Boutwell; and step-mother Victoria Boutwell; her brother Ray and sister Elsie Oreé. Visitation will be held Monday, July 27, 2015 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at

French-University. Services will be held on Tuesday, July 28, 2015 at 12:00 p.m. at French-University. Interment will follow at 3:00 p.m. at the Santa Fe National Cemetery.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 27. 6:00 PM (MT)

FRENCH Funerals - Cremations (University)
1111 University Blvd NE
Albuquerque, NM 87102
(505) 843-6333
<https://www.FrenchFunerals.com>

Services

JUL 28. 12:00 PM (MT)

FRENCH Funerals - Cremations (University)
1111 University Blvd NE
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Interment

JUL 28. 3:00 PM (MT)

Santa Fe National Cemetery
Santa Fe, NM

Tribute Wall

LM

“ My sincere condolences to the family. My daughter, Casey Manzanares, and my husband, Ron Manzanares used to take piano lessons from Miss Ruby. Miss Ruby was very intuitive, kind, and sensitive to teaching piano in a way that helped my daughter learn and enjoy playing. She was able to relate to my husband learning, and having fun all the while. I remember sitting on a bench in her yard every week and hanging out with the geese. It was so relaxing while my daughter had her lesson. We also remember the many rabbits that Miss Ruby kept and loved so much. I regret not keeping better contact with her, as she would always call near Christmas to see how we were doing as a family. God had put her into our lives and I am grateful for her. You just don't find wonderful, wise human beings like Miss Ruby very often in this world anymore. We will miss her and say a prayer for your family. Lisa, Ron, and Casey Manzanares

Lisa Manzanares - August 03, 2015 at 02:38 PM

JM

“ My daughter and I have fond memories of Mrs. Meek. My daughter got her first rabbit from Mrs. Meek and won a blue ribbon at the 4-H Fair. My daughter is 24 now. What a beautiful and kind woman. Thoughts and prayers to her family and many friends.
Jill Medford and Kasi McDaniel

Jill Medford - July 28, 2015 at 03:55 PM

CJ

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. What wonderful memories we have of all the times we were fortunate to be with all of you at the fair rabbit shows. She was a beautiful lady with a beautiful family. May you always have wonderful wonderful memories. With love, Kaidria Jacobs Weekes & Cathy Jacobs

Cathy Jacobs - July 28, 2015 at 07:47 AM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Ruby B. Meek.



July 27, 2015 at 09:28 PM

DF

“ Desma Failing lit a candle in memory of Ruby B. Meek



Desma Failing - July 27, 2015 at 09:10 PM

DF

“ One of our first meeting's with Ruby and her family was when we purchased our first Tennessee walker. We later started the Tennessee Walking Horse Association in Albuquerque, NM where Ruby and her family were very involved. We became friends and I still cherish the picture she took of me and my horse. She was always there to help, even taking family pictures for us and for our daughters wedding.

She will be missed by all.

Theresa Bailey, Desma Failing and Family

Desma Failing - July 27, 2015 at 09:10 PM

DS

“ Ms. Meek helped teach me photography when i went to Sandia High School. She taught me to master the Rollei twin lens camera (I still have it). She taught me how to compose a photograph with the use of light. I have used her lessons throughout my career. She was a great teacher....

*Don Scott EMT-P
OMI Investigator.*

Don Scott - July 27, 2015 at 02:59 PM

JB

“ My deepest condolences. Though I never got to spend a lot of time with great-aunt Ruby, I know she had a long and full life and was major part and impact of my parents and grand-parents life. May she rest in peace.

Jeremy Boutwell - July 26, 2015 at 09:05 PM

 Angie Spicer

“ I only met my great-aunt a handful of times over the years when she would visit relatives in Indiana but I remember she was a sweet lady. My parents Dennis & Sharon Boutwell enjoyed visiting her in the late 1990s on their Route 66 trip. I still remember how much my Mom liked Ruby's rabbits! My condolences to the family. Sincerely, Angela Spicer (grand-daughter of Ruby's brother, Ray Boutwell)

Angie Spicer - July 26, 2015 at 05:19 PM

LP

“ So sorry for your loss!! From the Piciachia Family - Albuquerque, NM

Liz Piciachia - July 26, 2015 at 12:02 PM

JJ

I was one of Ms Meek's piano students-first grade thru sixth grade. I have fond memories of recitals and exploring the pool table in the basement! So sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers!

janice johns-villa - July 27, 2015 at 12:07 PM

CJ

“ On behalf of the French Family of Companies, we express our deepest condolences.

Chris Jogi - July 25, 2015 at 01:38 PM