



## Ruth Amelia Stepp

December 24, 1934 - May 3, 2026

Mrs. Ruth Amelia Stepp, born December 24, 1934 passed away on May 3, 2026 at her home in Inez, KY. She was named after longtime local physician Dr. William N. Keith's wife, Ruth A. Keith. Ruth attended Pikeville College and Morehead State College to obtain her teaching degree. Mrs. Stepp taught in a one-room schoolhouse at Buffalo Horn then moved to Turkey Elementary and finished her career teaching at Inez Middle School. She began teaching at age 19 and taught until 1992. Ruth was an accomplished, meticulous seamstress throughout her life until she lost her eyesight due to wet macular degeneration.

Ruth is survived by four children, John R. Stepp (Alice), R. Michelle Cassady (Mike), J. Keith Stepp (Frankie), and L. Renae Walter (Ronnie). She is also survived by her adored grandchildren Alex Cassady (Phyllis), Andrew Cassady (Sarah), Ben Stepp (Emily), Samuel Justice and Nicholas Justice. Also surviving are three step-granddaughters Alysa (Nick) Mitchell, Sierra (Dakota)Walter, Jaslyn Walter. She greatly loved her surviving great grandsons Camden Cassady, Cade Cassady, and her step-great granddaughters MacKenzie Sandlin and Kadence Sandlin

Ruth was preceded in death by the love of her life and husband of 62 years, John Boone Stepp, her mother, Telia Cassady, father, Granville Cassady, beloved granddaughter Margaret (Maggie) Stepp and step-great grandson Korbyn Thurner.

She was also preceded in death by three sisters Corrine Hamilton, June

Phillips, Caroline Cassady and four brothers Dewey Cassady, Augustus (Gus) Cassady, Warren Cassady and Holmes Cassady.

Ruth loved the Lord and was a member of Inez First Baptist Church. She served many years as a Sunday School teacher at the church.

Her family expresses great appreciation to her devoted caregivers Angie Williams, Vicky Mayhan, and Nick Justice.

At Ruth's request, a graveside only service will be held on Friday, May 8, 2026, 11:00 a.m., at Riverview Memorial Gardens. Garmon Preece will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to Inez First Baptist Church building fund.

Arrangements are under the direction of Callaham Funeral Home, Inez, KY.

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

MAY 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

Riverview Memorial Gardens  
Louisa, KY

# Tribute Wall

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“ Yum yum good ole bubble gum! If I could count the times she made me write this sentence! Mrs. Stepp was fundamental in my love for literature. I have many fond memories of her. May she rest in peace.

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**Jay Johnson** - May 11 at 08:07 PM

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“ This was my Great Aunt Ruth, I remember being very young around 6 to 8 years old or so, and going down to Inez to visit my Aunt Ruth, and John Boone. The reason i believe i remember going at such a early age was because one, she was one of the best cooks to ever walk this beautiful earth of ours, and two because every time we went down there from Columbus John Boone would say boy you get uglier every time i see you, and i've seen quite a few ugly people before, but son your definitely going to be the absolute ugliest person by the time you turn 18 lol. And as i grew older i would tell him that i just hope i don't get as old and ugly as your getting to be there old man. But the absolute best part of both Ruth and John Boone was that they always had a smile on their face, and more love for their family than just about anyone i've quite possibly known. They will be missed by me for being the kindest, lovingest people i have came to know in this beautiful country of ours. And i've been to all the lower 48 states and like i said they both we're one of the most beautiful kindest souls i've ever known.

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**Bobby Hodge** - May 07 at 08:05 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Ruth Amelia Stepp.*



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