



Ruth L. Davis Perdue

November 17, 1935 - November 5, 2023

Ruth Leonard Davis Perdue, daughter of the late O. Lee Davis and Grace Leonard Davis was born on November 17, 1935, in Salisbury, Maryland. She departed this life on November 5, 2023, surrounded by her husband and seven children.

Ruthie grew up in the Newtown neighborhood of Salisbury, Maryland, playing softball for the Salisbury Fire Department and basketball for the Asbury United Methodist team. As a teenager, she enjoyed spending summers in Ocean City with her friends, developing a lifelong love for Thrasher's french fries and Fisher's popcorn. During senior English class at Wicomico High School, she sat across from a farm boy from Mt. Hermon, Oren Perdue. As she helped him with his English papers, a mutual interest grew.

After graduating from Wicomico High School in 1953, she enrolled in Salisbury State Teachers College (Salisbury University), majoring in Elementary Education. While attending college, she enjoyed playing basketball, softball, and field hockey. In the summer between her Junior and Senior year, she married Oren on July 11th, 1956.

Ruth and Oren moved into a former schoolhouse with four rooms and a path. There Alice, Chuck, Linda, Janice, and Paul were born, making her a mother of five children under the age of five. After moving into a nearby farmhouse, the births of Ellen and Judy completed the family.

After being a farmer's wife for 15 years, she once again became a full-time student when she and Oren enrolled in Baptist Bible College in Springfield,

Missouri, to prepare for the ministry. When she graduated in the spring of 1974, she received the Key Award - an award given by the faculty for academic excellence and superior service.

She was a faithful wife, supporting her husband in all his endeavors. She was a wonderful mother to her seven children, teaching them with both her words and example. She opened her home to two young boys in need, Ronnie Evans and Bobby Henderson. She was a fun loving mommom to her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was a pastor's wife for 33 years, at the Bible Baptist Church of Ash Grove, Missouri, and at the Salisbury Baptist Temple of Salisbury, Maryland. She was a teacher at the Salisbury Baptist Academy for many years. She was a two-time cancer survivor and a friend to all.

She was a Christian. Ruth accepted Christ in 1955 as a result of the Oliver B. Greene Tent Revival in Salisbury. As a result of that decision, Ruth entered Heaven on November 5, 2023.

She is survived by her husband of 67 years, Oren Perdue, her brother George William Davis, (Linda), sister-in-law Phyllis Davis; her seven children , Alice Bowden (Rick), Chuck Perdue, Linda Nelson (Jason), Janice Tomlinson (Bill), Paul Perdue, Ellen Perdue, and Judy Coulbourne (Jason); her 17 grandchildren; her 26 great-grandchildren; her three great-great-grandchildren; and her extended family members.

She was preceded in death by her parents, O. Lee Davis and Grace Leonard Davis, her brother O. Lee Davis Jr., and granddaughter Rachel Elizabeth Bowden Holland.

Visitation for family and friends will be held at the Salisbury Baptist Temple, 6413 Hobbs Road in Salisbury, Maryland, on Thursday, November 9, from 7-9 pm, and on Friday from 10 am to 12 noon, followed by funeral services which begin at 12 noon.

For those that aren't able to travel, services will be livestreamed and can be found at https://youtube.com/@salisburybaptisttemplechur8474?si=cifposrlA_zWQy58 or on her tribute page at www.shortfh.com.

Interment will be limited to members of the family.

The family would like to thank Coastal Hospice for their loving care during her final days. Contributions may be made in her memory to Coastal Hospice, P.O. Box 1733, Salisbury, Maryland 21802.

Arrangements are in the care of Short Funeral Home in Delmar. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.shortfh.com.

Cemetery Details

Bethel Cemetery

31810 Old Ocean City Rd
Salisbury, MD 21804

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **9**. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Salisbury Baptist Temple
6413 Hobbs Road
Salisbury, MD

Visitation

NOV **10**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Salisbury Baptist Temple
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Salisbury, MD

Funeral Service

NOV **10**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Short Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ruth L. Davis Perdue*



Short Funeral Home - November 09, 2023 at 10:25 PM



“ *Short Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Ruth L. Davis Perdue*



Short Funeral Home - November 09, 2023 at 03:09 PM



“ *what a beautiful video... Thank you for sharing the memories* ❤️
Susan Jones Massey

Susan Massey - November 11, 2023 at 06:11 PM



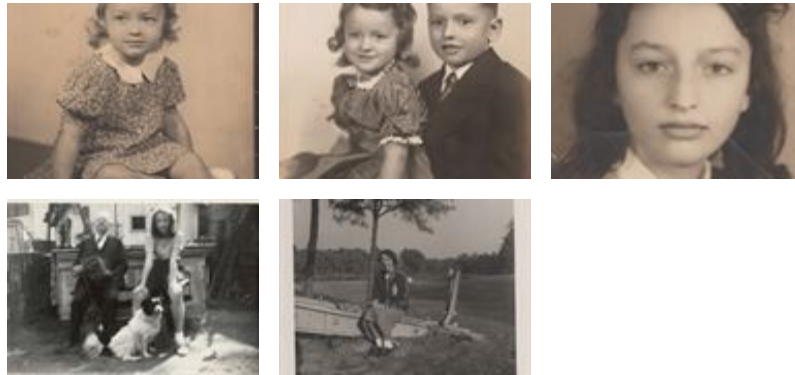
“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Ruth L. Davis Perdue.*



November 09, 2023 at 02:42 PM



“ *199 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Short Funeral Home - November 09, 2023 at 02:06 PM



“ *Oren and family. So sorry to see the loss of a good women to leave this earth.Don Richardson*

Don Richardson - November 08, 2023 at 10:56 AM

SP

“ Hello dear family of Ruth. Please accept my condolences on the loss of your wife, Oren, and mother, children, We had a lot of fun together for many years before you went to Baptist Seminary and we went to The Salvation Army ministerial school. Our hearts will always be bonded by our love for Jesus and our service for him. We can rejoice that our dear Ruth has made it home. She joins my husband and my son in living with Jesus. Wrapping you all in prayer during this time for the strength of the Lord to be with you. Love you all as you have a special place in my heart. Sheryl Peters.

SHERYL J PETERS - November 08, 2023 at 05:40 AM

RO

“ Pastor and family
So sorry for your loss but we know it is heavens gain. Miss Ruth was one of a kind. Her and Pastor showed nothing but love and kindness to the boys and I.
Love you all
Robin and Steve, Kevin, Dustin and Jordan

Robin - November 07, 2023 at 04:46 PM

AB

“ Our deepest sympathies to all the Perdue family. Ruth be will be remembered by us as a faithful, caring and cheerful church member and fellow Christian school teacher. We will always remember the years we worked together at Salisbury Baptist Temple and Academy. God bless you all. In Christ, Steve and Annette Berglind.

Annette & Steve Berglind - November 07, 2023 at 01:55 PM

ME

“ She was a wonderful person she always had a smile on her face she surely will be missed

Melissa - November 07, 2023 at 01:33 PM