



Ruby Jane Humble Snowbarger

November 16, 1922 - April 7, 2023

Ruby Jane Humble Snowbarger, 100, of Denver, Colorado passed away on April 7, 2023. She was born in Murdoch, Illinois on November 16, 1922, to William and Irene Branch. She grew up in Newman, Illinois with brothers Arthur, Edward, Tillman, Harold and sister Louise Branch Bullock.

In 1939, Ruby married Harvey Nathan Humble and began her life as a minister's wife. They served several small Nazarene churches in Illinois before moving to Wisconsin. Olivet Nazarene College in Bourbonnais, Illinois offered Harvey a position as a history professor. In 1947, they moved back to Illinois where they would live and raise their family. After graduating from Olivet Nazarene College, Ruby became an elementary school teacher. She taught in Wichert, Kankakee and Peotone schools where she made lifelong friends.

She was an active member of Olivet Nazarene Collage Church where she sang in the choir and devoted her time to getting her children to most church services and activities. Ruby was part of the Impromptu Club, Prime Time Club, and Birthday Club. Harvey and Ruby loved to travel and enjoyed seeing the country in their various RV's, even buying a VW camper bus in Europe and shipping it back home.

After Harvey's death in 2000, Ruby reconnected with an old friend from their years at Olivet. After many letters were exchanged she married Willis E Snowbarger. They also enjoyed traveling, visiting family, including Willis' younger siblings, until his death in 2008.

Ruby loved her family, her church and her time at Olivet. She made friends wherever she lived.

She spent her last few years at Belleview Suites at DTC in Denver, near many family members. Ruby played the piano, with no formal training, and was actively entertaining her fellow residents just a few days before her death.

Ruby is survived by her sons James (Sara) of Springfield, Missouri; Nathan (Cheryl) of San Jose, California; Jon (Debbie) of Saucier, Mississippi; and daughter Jane (Ted) of Aurora, Colorado. Grandchildren: James Jr., Sara, Leah, Joel, Michael, Jeffery, Natalie, Andrea, Andrew, Clayton, Cindi, Nicole, and Alex. Great Grandchildren: Ryan, Amanda,

Madison, Sophia, Jimmy, Max, Miles, Mason, Lincoln, Harper, Cameron, Caden Callen, Isabelle, Davey, Tristian, Elliot, Oliver and Lukas.

Preceded in death by her infant son Joel Rutledge, three granddaughters, Jennifer Humble, Erica Bryant, Laura Castro; and her daughter-in-law, Becky Humble.

Memorials may be made to the Harvey N Humble Scholarship Fund at Olivet Nazarene University in Bourbonnais, Illinois

A graveside service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 15, 2023 at Kankakee Memorial Gardens, Kankakee.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

APR 15. 11:00 AM (CT)

Kankakee Memorial Gardens
15 South 3000 E. Rd.
Kankakee, IL 60901