



Ruby Caudle Fraley

October 2, 1936 - May 15, 2026

Ruby Caudle Fraley, 89, of Richfield, passed away peacefully at her home on May 15, 2026.

Her funeral service will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, May 22, 2026, at New Mount Tabor United Methodist Church with Pastor Katie Lineberger officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. The family will receive friends on Thursday evening from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. at Stanly Funeral and Cremation Care.

Born October 2, 1936, in Anson County, North Carolina, Ruby was the daughter of the late Thomas Hummie Caudle and Valda Huneycutt Caudle. A faithful member of New Mount Tabor United Methodist Church, she devoted much of her life to her church and community, faithfully serving in many roles throughout the years. She retired as Vice President of First Bank after a long and respected career.

Ruby will be remembered as a woman of strength, love, and unwavering devotion to her family and faith. Her family describes her as caring, feisty, patient, stern when she needed to be, trustworthy, competitive, and deeply loving — simply “the best.” She was known for her warm hospitality, her exceptional cooking and baking, and her joy in gathering family and friends around her table, especially on Sundays after church.

She found happiness in life's simple blessings — working in her garden, sharing meals with those she loved, and spending time with her family. Her grandchildren fondly remember long afternoons snapping beans, shucking corn, and being lovingly chased through the yard with a hickory stick whenever they got out of line. Those memories, filled with laughter and love, will remain treasured for generations to come. She was always proud to remind her family that she completed 12 years of school with perfect attendance.

As a young woman, Ruby was an outstanding basketball player at Richfield High School, earning All-County and All-Conference honors. Her strong spirit and determination stayed with her throughout her life. Her favorite hymn was "Because He Lives," and her favorite Scripture was Matthew 25:23: "Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord." Those words beautifully reflect the faithful and servant-hearted life she lived.

Ruby was preceded in death by her beloved husband, John Wayne Fraley, in 2024. She was also preceded in death by her daughter, Angela F. Ballard; brothers, James Caudle, Boyce Caudle, and Everett Caudle; sisters, Kathryn Ross and Edna Earnhardt; and son-in-law, Sidney Smith.

She is survived by her daughter, Debra Fraley Smith; her brother, Dewey Caudle (Doris) of Concord; her sister, Fran Watson of Gold Hill; her grandchildren, Titus Russell (Nicole), Brett Ballard, Brooke Brown (Shayne), Amie Hooks (Garrett), and Hannah Ballard; and her great-grandchildren, Gunnar Hooks, Alayna Russell, Jaxton Hooks, and Baby Brown, expected to arrive in just a few short weeks.

The family requests that memorials be made to Tillery Compassionate Care,

960 N. First Street, Albemarle, NC 28001; New Mount Tabor United Methodist Church, 40237 Millingport Road, Richfield, NC 28137; or the Pfeiffer University Office of Advancement for The Valda H. and T.H. Caudle Memorial Endowed Scholarship, P.O. Box 960, Misenheimer, NC 28109.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **21.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Stanly Funeral & Cremation Care - Albemarle
1835 Badin Rd.
PO Box 207
Albemarle, NC 28001
(704) 982-8134
contact@stanlyfuneralhome.com
<https://stanlyfuneralhome.com/>

Funeral Service

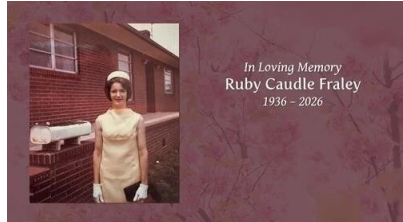
MAY **22.** 3:00 PM (ET)

New Mount Tabor United Methodist Church
40237 Millingport Road
Richfield, NC 28137

Tribute Wall



“ *Stanly Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ruby Caudle Fraley*



Stanly Funeral Home - May 21 at 09:42 PM

KB

“ *Kelly Burgess lit a candle in memory of Ruby Caudle Fraley*



Kelly Burgess - May 20 at 01:44 PM

KB

Ms. Ruby was the most sweetest lady's that I have ever met. She and Wayne let me stay in their home several years ago with no questions asked. She was one of a kind like Wayne and Angela.

Kelly Burgess - May 20 at 01:46 PM

DR

“ *Dereck Shipp and Mama Mattie Robinson purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ruby Caudle Fraley.*



Dereck Shipp and Mama Mattie Robinson - May 20 at 01:32 PM

RM

“ Robert & Mary Morgan purchased the Serene Re treat for the family of Ruby Caudle Fraley.



Robert & Mary Morgan - May 17 at 06:15 PM

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“ Robert & Mary Morgan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ruby Caudle Fraley.

Robert & Mary Morgan - May 17 at 06:15 PM



“ I had the honor of working with Ruby at First Bank for many years. She was indeed a kind and precious soul.

My prayers and deepest condolences to her family during these difficult days.

Lisa Scott - May 16 at 11:08 PM