



## Ruth Foster

June 15, 1954 - June 17, 2013

Bluefield, WV - Ruth Jean Foster age 59 of Bluefield, WV died Monday June 17, 2013 at a Beckley hospital. Born June 15, 1954 in Bluefield, she was the daughter of the late Eldie C. "Buddy" Caldwell and Hazel Bowman Caldwell. Ruthie was a graduate of Beaver High School, Concord University, and earned her Masters Degree at Marshall University. She was a beloved teacher at Bluefield Intermediate School since it opened, also taught at Wade Elementary School as well as substitute in Mercer County and North Carolina Schools. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Bluefield, was a member of Alpha Delta Kappa Honorary Teachers Sorority where she served as the Altruistic Chairperson for the past six years, and she was instrumental in preparation for the Teaching State Convention held at Pipestem State Park where she led the State President, and was a West Virginia University fan. Ruth is survived by her son Eric G. Foster of Bluefield, a brother Rod Caldwell and his wife Vicki of Hendersonville, NC, her grandchildren Hannah and Emily Jo Foster that affectionately refer to her as "DOGO", a niece Allison Caldwell of Charlotte, NC and long time friend Mike Gregory. Funeral services will be conducted Saturday June 22, 2013 at 11:00 A.M. at First Presbyterian Church with Dr. W.D. Hasty officiating. Interment will follow at Roselawn Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Princeton, where friends of the family will serve as pallbearers. A time of sharing and visitation will be held Friday June 21, 2013 from 6:00 - 8:00 P.M. at Mercer Funeral Home of Bluefield. The family suggests that memorial contributions be made to the Bluefield Union Mission

2203 Bluefield Avenue Bluefield, WV 24701. Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages with the family may do so by visiting [www.MercerFuneralHome.com](http://www.MercerFuneralHome.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ruth Foster*

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *Miss Foster you were a awesome teacher for my 3rd Grade class you were awesome and we will always miss you !!! Class 2010-2011*

**Joshua** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM



“ *this was the most amazing person and teacher. she gave her all and her very best to her students and she will be so very missed in the future. she used her extensive education and her caring heart to encourage our students to become educated and go on in the world to be as great as she was. she was so good to our son and all of us as a family admired her beyond words. god bless her family with peace and comfort. this is a severe loss for our students and our school system. we will always remember you ms. foster. thank you for everything. fred estep and family*

**estep family** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM



“ *to the family of Ruth Foster - I had the opportunity to sub for Ruth @ BIS the week prior to school being out for the summer. i left a note for Ruth the last day I was in her classroom - told her i forgot to tell her that i have a baby sister named Ruth. My entire family's prayers are with each of you - please remember that God's Holy Spirit will continue to comfort you and bring you continued peace. God Bless each of you...*

**gloriajohnson** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

SR

“ *ruth was the most amazing teacher and person we have ever known. my son matthew has had his struggles in school for afew years and ruth was the first teacher that cared enough to help him. god really blessed him with this amazing soul, because of her, he loves school again and had an awsome year. we are so sorry for your loss and are praying for you and your family.*

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**susan and matthew rolen** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

GC

“ *My heartfelt sympathy to you, Rod(ney) and family. Am truly saddened to learn of Ruthie's repose. I saw her several months ago, and we reminisced about our parents and what good friends they were, as well as what a fabulous photographer your Mom, Hazel was! Now Ruthie is reunited with them! God grant her eternal rest, and God comfort you and all family members and friends! ginny (Jeannie)*

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**Ginny Chryssikos** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

CK

“ *We are so sorry for your loss. She will sadly be missed, especially from us. May God be with you and your family during this difficult time.*

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**Cindy and Sara Keller** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

BS

“ *So very sorry to hear about Ruthie. She was a friend from Junior High and High school. I will keep all of you in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Barry Spry** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

DB

“ There are few people in this world that truly can be called angel on earth. Ruth was one. Eric thank you so much for sharing your mother with us, she was so dear to Jean and our family. May God be with you and your children.

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**Doug Baker** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

TB

“ Eric--I do not know you personally, but I knew your Mother well. We worked together training BSC student teachers over the years. She was an excellent teacher, very no nonsense, and very dedicated to her students, her school, and her community. I really just cannot believe that she is gone. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Feel free to email me if I can help you in any way.

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**Tom Blevins** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

MO

“ Thoughts and prayers go with you Rod and family at this most difficult time.

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**Mike O'Dell** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

JL

“ Ruth was a vey unique person when I had attended Bluefield Hi School and later learnt that she pursued a career in education. My son had spoken highly of her as well. Now, heaven shines brightly at her arrival. May God bless the family and be with you all during this time.

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**John O. Lowe** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

DL

“ *What a lady, always smiling, only good things she had to say. Many years friendship. Love you girl. RIP.*

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**Dan Lockhart** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

PC

“ *Rest in peace my friend. You will be sadly missed by all those that knew you, especially all the students that had the privilege of calling you their teacher. Prayers for your family.*

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**Paula Carriker** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

DA

“ *Rod, I am so very, very sorry to hear this sad news about Ruthie. My thoughts and prayers and with you and your family during this difficult time. Love, Debbie*

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**Debbie Fraick Arnold** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

RN

“ *Another friend from my youth; gone way too soon. Rod and family, may Christ console you.*

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**Rich Nuckolls** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

BH

“ *Eric and family, we pray that you will find comfort in time to come, knowing that your dear mother has graduated to heaven. We send our love.*

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**Barb and Steve Hopta** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

SS

“ Eric, your entire family has been in my family's heart for so long. Mom, L'Tanya, and I are so deeply sorry for this loss.

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**Steve Sims** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

LE

“ Ruthie, I loved you then and I love you now. Ruthie, Your determination and loving spirit continue to inspire me. Heaven is a better place with you there. Eric, you were her shunshine, always, and now the girls, and the smile you put on her face then only got bigger when she went to heaven.

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**Lena** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

LW

“ I am so sorry to hear about Ruthie. She was a wonderful person, Mom and teacher. She will be deeply missed by all that had the honor of knowing her and loving her. Keep the happy memories of her always in your heart.

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**Lynn Williams** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

MC

“ It's been a little while since I talked to Ruthie, but I will always consider her a friend. We spent many hours together at wrestling events sharing our time together. She loved her son so much, and more recently her grandchildren.  
Peace be with you Ruth, Eric and family.

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**Marsha Cooper** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

SB

“ We are so sorry for the loss of Ruthie. I attended Concord with her and shared times there and in countless teaching seminars. She was a tireless educator who will be greatly missed. Our condolences.

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**Sharon, Paige and Jay Belcher** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

LH

“ Eric - I was so shocked and sadded to hear of Ruthie's passing. I just talked to her at the Appalachian Festival at Blfd. College a couple of months ago. She always gave me a big hug whenever I saw her. She was also a fun person to be around. I'll always remember the days when we helped coach the Blfd. Middle school volleyball team with Jan. What a character! God Bless you and your family. May your precious memories sustain you through this time of grief. Remember her with smiles and laughter.

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**Lois Henderson** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

CH

“ You and the girls are in my prayers Eric. I loved Ruth very much. We had good memories with her

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**cathy hannah** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

MF

“ So sorry for the loss of Ruthie,, she is a long time friend from High school,,, and the West Virginia Fan will be missed,,, find comfort that she is in great and very big hands !!!

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**michael fralick** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

EL

“ Eric,  
Words cannot express how we feel knowing that Ruthie isn't here anymore. I have many fond memories of spending time with her and you, and her hospitality and how nice she was, regardless of how she was feeling.

Saying she will be missed is an understatement, and the world is a sadder place without her presence.

-Krauss family

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**Eric Krauss and Logan** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

SA

“ To Eric & Family,  
May The Lord comfort you all during this difficult time. My love and prayers are with you.

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**Shawn Allen** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

TA

“ Eric, I am so very sorry. My heart breaks for you and your girls. But, you have the precious memories of you all being together here on earth. And now, you have a very special guardian angel. You guys are in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Tater** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

SR

“ Eric I can't express how sorry I am for your loss. I can't imagine how hurt you are. Ruth was the same every time I saw her. She always had a smile and a hug for me. My prayers are with you and the family.

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**Shirley Ruble** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

CB

“ Cannot believe your with Our Heavenly Father now. But his plan is always so more grand than we can ever imagine. You touched so many lives. May God give your family he peace they will need to face the coming days without you. Just wanted to say that we are so glad to have known you!! God Bless.

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**Craig and Margie Boothe** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

RF

“ Eric we both loved your mother and are so sorry to hear the sad news our love and prayers to you she was a beautiful person with a heart of gold

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**Raymond&Brenda Foster** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

PM

“ My heart and my prayers are with you Eric and your girls. I have known your mother for many years and shared both tears and laughter, We have worked together for many years as well. I loved your mom dearly. May God's blessings help you through this time. May you find strength and peace.

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**Pam Formica Miller** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

EG

“ Eric, I am so sorry to hear about your mom! She was a very loving lady and very proud of her son...We will continue to keep you and the girls in our prayers!

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**Eddie & Tina Godfrey** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

AN

“ Ruth, I have know you all of my life. I fell in love with your son and had the honor of mothering you two grad daughter. I love you!

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**andrea** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

EF

“ Dear Eric and Family, Me and my family wish to offer our condolences to you. We are so sorry for your loss. We so enjoyed beaver games with your mom and you! Eric and Chris so enjoyed coming to your house and watching wrestling. Eric had fun picking on Ruthy too! With Love for you and yours, Sincerely Tammie Krauss Guarino and Sons.

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**Eric and Family** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

LI

“ To the Family of Ruth Jean Foster, I extend my deepest sympathesies on your loss. All Heaven is rejoicing now - another angel has arrived. May God be with You all.

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**Leonard G. Sims II** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

GP

“ Eric, I'm so sorry for the loss of your Mother. She was a friend to me when she visited Westwood Nursing Home(2003-2006)when her Father was a resident and my Mother was, too. Every night for three years, she, Jackie, and I met in the cafeteria and talked. Jackie's Mother was a resident, too. I helped them with some sewing projects, and they gave me a miniature, yellow rose bush with is now blooming. My heart is so touched by Ruth's passing. May God be near you and your family.

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**Gerrie Porter** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

SG

“ Eric your mom was a wonderful woman toughing the lives of so many. We are going to miss her. Your in my families prayers.

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**S Gatzow** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

ND

“ I Love you Mrs Foster. Im going to miss you next year. Your were the best teacher ever. Eric your in my prayers and thoughts. Nick 2013 3rd grade class

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**Nick Dillow** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

TF

“ Eric sorry for the loss of your mother. She was a good teacher to my kids. She will be missed dearly. She loved to joke around with them when we would see her out in the stores. Are prayers go out to you and your family.

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**Tanner. Emily Spradlin & family** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

DC

“ Eric, So sorry to learn of your Mother's death. She was very dear to us, as was Hazel and Bud. Wish we could be with you Friday and Saturday. Also, wish we could take the pain away.

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**Dorothy and Ron Crabtree** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM