



Ruth Turner Lagrone

December 16, 1931 - March 11, 2022

Ruth Turner Lagrone - A life of love, letters, and friendships that last forever
Ruth died peacefully at home with her family around her on March 11, 2022, in Milano, TX. A memorial service will be held Saturday, March 26, 2022, 1:00pm, at Liberty Community Church, 4967 FM 3242, Cameron, TX.

Ruth was born December 16, 1931, in Cameron, TX, to Lester Watson and Marietta (Pool) Turner. She grew up along with brothers Lester Watson (LW) Jr, Arvis Burrell, and Elbert Earl in Cameron. Originally named Vera Ruth, some classmates called her "Vi-Vi" throughout her life. Ruth was involved in many varied activities during her years in school and maintained life-long relationships with tennis partners, fellow band members, and classmates with visits, telephone calls and especially letter writing.

With the encouragement and support of many including aunts, neighbors, and community friends, Ruth attended Mary Hardin Baylor College in Belton, TX and studied Journalism with the Class of 1953. Ruth developed wonderful relationships while attending MHB even naming her first-born child after a classmate. She remained connected to the many friends from those days over the years including attending the most recent 68-year reunion for the Class of 1953.

Ruth married AD Lagrone on June 11, 1952, in her parents' home with

parents and grandparents in attendance as well as LW and Eugenia Turner as their attendants. After the Baptist preacher concluded the service with prayer, AD asked to offer a prayer for his new family. His spoken words assured the extended family that a solid future founded in faith was ahead. Their shared faith would undergird every aspect of their lives together.

Ruth and AD raised five children, Lucy, Lisa, Andy, Joel, and Lore. Over the years, they made their home in Cameron, TX, Boise, ID, and El Paso, TX, before retiring in 1998 to live in Milano, TX. In each location, they actively lived, served, and were a significant part of their church, neighborhood, and community. Ruth cared for children, taught Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, Training Union, Special Education, Kindergarten, then serving as the Children's Coordinator and Day Care Administrator at First Baptist Church, El Paso, TX. Her home was always filled with children, laughter, funny songs, games, and puzzles.

Ruth was outgoing and congenial throughout her life. She made friends easily in all situations, and more importantly, nurtured and maintained friendships. Ruth was a woman of letters. There were letters to editors, customer service department, and school boards. The greatest volume, however, were letters to friends, family, grandchildren, pen pals, college students and anyone she thought might benefit from getting a letter of acknowledgement, support, or encouragement. She wrote frequent and newsy letters. Most included snippets from newspapers, letters from others, pictures, cuttings from anything she considered thoughtful and relevant to the person she was writing. During the last months of her life, she was still writing to childhood friends, girlfriends from college, and friends from every place she and AD had ever lived.

Ruth lived her life well – both giving and receiving much love. Ruth enjoyed her children, grandchildren and each great grandchild born was “the most

beautiful baby I've had ever seen." She was ready to be with her Savior and hoped to be with AD and Lucy again.

Survivors include her brother, Burrell Turner of Austin, TX; two daughters, Lisa Lagrone of Milano, TX and Lore Lagrone of Pearland, TX; two sons, Andy Lagrone and wife, Jamie of Bulverde, TX, and Joel Lagrone and wife, D'Aun of Keller, TX; son-in-law, John Long of DeLand, FL; nine grandchildren, Megan Green, Shay Redwine, Aaron Lagrone, Jake Lagrone, Cameron Lagrone, Latham Speasmaker, Caleb Speasmaker, Samantha McGee, Jill Wilson; and twelve great-grandchildren, Hannah, Titus, Jude, Lydia, Rebekah, Macy, Catalina, Shelby, Emily Paige, Averie, Parker and Piper.

Ruth was predeceased by her husband of 64 years, AD; her parents, Lester and Marietta Turner; two brothers, LW and Earl Turner; one daughter, Lucy Lagrone-Long; and one son-in-law, Chris Speasmaker.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR **26**. 1:00 PM (CT)

Liberty Community Church
4967 FM 3242
Cameron, TX 76520

Tribute Wall

MM

“ So thankful the Lord put Ruth & A.D. Lagrone in our family’s lives. We’ll miss her fun conversations & delightful letters, each one signed, “just Ruth”💙... Blessings on the Lagrone family in this time of loss, even as you joyfully anticipate your eternal reunion with Ruth, A. D. and Lucy!

Mary Jane Morgan - March 25, 2022 at 08:03 PM

JC

“ We were fortunate enough to know both Granny Ruth and AD as we live just across the street from her youngest daughter, Lore. It was always a pleasure to see Granny when she would leave the little house there in Milano and come to the big city for a visit. We would talk about any and everything, we exchanged cards and letters throughout the year(s) and we had the pleasure to see her welcome her newest great-grandchild into the world. From what we learned about Granny Ruth’s life, raising her family with her husband AD, we know without a doubt that she has been welcomed into the Kingdom of Heaven and has been reunited with AD and her daughter Lucy who preceded her departure. It was a honor and a pure pleasure to have known her.

Joel & Svetlana Clark - March 22, 2022 at 07:54 PM

LW

“ Miss Ruth was such a sweet gentle soul. We never saw her that she wasn't wearing that beautiful smile. Rest with the angels in your new beautiful home sweet lady.

George and Lynn Weaver

Lynn Weaver - March 14, 2022 at 03:07 PM