



## Ruth "Horty" Middleton

September 26, 1938 - March 29, 2022

Ruth "Horty" Middleton, 83, of Sandersville passed away unexpectedly Tuesday morning, March 29, 2022 with her family by her side.

Horty was known far and wide for her quick wit. A loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Horty was a 'granny' and an 'aunt' to so many and a true friend to all who knew her. On January 3rd, she and Rufus celebrated their 66th anniversary. She would say, her cup "runneth over" with love for her family. For years, she enjoyed trips to the Smoky Mountains with them. Tradition and consistency were her happy place.

For the last 30 years, her goal was to serve as a volunteer in Bible education. Hours and hours were devoted to helping others in the ministry. This was not just a hobby, but her way of life.

Each day began before the sun came up with her cup of coffee, 1 sweetener and 'enough' creamer to make it the right color and heated for 45 seconds to just the perfect boiling point. Each day ended with an episode or two of the Andy Griffith Show for a laugh. No one complained - especially not 'Pappy' Rufus. He started each morning with a kiss on "mama's" cheek.

She was well known for her strict weekly routine - each day had its own activities - Mondays were for vacuuming...Wednesdays were for mopping with

Rufus willingly doing his share of these chores. EVERY Friday you'd find her sitting in the beauty shop for her hair appointment.

Horty was preceded in death by her parents, Rutherford and Edith Lowery; sister, Elmyra and brothers, Jonah, Spencer, Robbie and Ford Lowery. She is survived by her husband, Rufus Middleton of Sandersville; sons, Kenny (Donna) and Tim (Donna Kay) Middleton of Laurel and daughter, Tina (Rod) Lowery of Heidelberg; sisters, Anne Kennedy, Suzie (Bill) Chisholm, and Cambria Lowery; grandchildren, Amanda Middleton, Allison Lowery, Emily Middleton, Tyler (Annette) Middleton and Lindsay (Wes) Fountain; great-grandchildren, Wayman, Branson and Elowyn Ruth Fountain; and a host of nieces and nephews and too many dear friends to count.

Services will be held virtually on April 2, 2022.

You are welcome to join us at the link below for a Memorial service and a slideshow of her beautiful life. You may log in at 1:00 pm for visitation. The service will begin at 2:00 pm.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9847085209?pwd=NEpUbnF3b3pXV0ZFVnp2UIBrbm9kUT09>

Meeting ID: 984 708 5209

Passcode: 39402

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 2. 1:00 PM (CT)

Memory Chapel Funeral Home  
3100 Audubon Drive  
P. O. Box 674  
Laurel, MS 39440  
(601) 428-5235  
memorychapel@comcast.net  
<https://www.memorychapel-laurel.com/>

## Virtual Memorial Service

APR 2. 2:00 PM.

Virtual Service  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9847085209?pwd=NEpUbnF3b3pXV0ZFVnp2UIBrbm9kUT09>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ruth "Horty" Middleton.*



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April 02, 2022 at 10:11 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ruth "Horty" Middleton.*



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April 01, 2022 at 08:20 PM



“ *Long days in service together..our silly jokes and stories...sharing experiences and turns at the doors..picnics for lunch.. Watching you paint Gabs' lips just like yours. Then we went to zoom even though both of us hate change. But we did it my Sister Friend and you continued to encourage us all. I'll miss you until we meet again in Paradise and you can have your Fainting Goat. With love...MeMer*

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**Mary Brashier** - April 01, 2022 at 03:23 PM

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“ *Bonita C, Janice M & Michelle K purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Ruth "Horty" Middleton.*



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**Bonita C, Janice M & Michelle K** - April 01, 2022 at 10:49 AM



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March 31, 2022 at 10:37 PM



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March 31, 2022 at 09:17 PM