



## Ruth Baker Hopkins

January 11, 1923 - October 22, 2014

Ruth Baker Hopkins, 91, formally of 843 Hughes Street, Danville, VA, died on Tuesday, Oct. 22, 2014 in Magnolia TX, after being in declining health for several months.

Mrs. Hopkins was born on Jan. 11, 1923 in Cleveland, GA the daughter of the late Robert Lester Baker and the late Anna Myrtle Edwards Baker. She spent her adult life in the Danville area where she began working at Dan River Inc. in '3 Dress' in 1942 and continued on until her retirement in 1985. She was a member of Southall /Westover Baptist Church from 1943 until the present and worked with the Junior Girls Sunday School Class. She was an admired seamstress.

On Dec. 6, 1958 she married Julius (Hop) Waddell Hopkins who died on Feb. 23, 2002. She was predeceased by son, Larry Baker and brothers, Frank and James Baker.

She is survived by brothers, Buford Baker, and Corbett Baker; sisters Fannie Baker, Ellen B. Gunnells and Lula B. Moss; granddaughter Phyllis "Penny" Baker Gunn, husband Raine and her great-grandchildren Natalie, Elijah and Levi Gunn now of Magnolia, TX.

Survivors also include step son Julius W. Hopkins, Jr. and his wife Karen of

Lynchburg, VA; step grandchildren Catherine Hopkins and Julia Vitale; honorary grandchildren Armando Labiosa, James Labiosa and Maria Labiosa Garcia.

Funeral services will be conducted on Wednesday, October 29, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. at the Wrenn-Yeatts Westover Chapel. Interment will follow in Floral Hills Memory Gardens.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday, October 28, 2014 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

Wrenn-Yeatts Westover Chapel is respectfully serving the Hopkins family.

# Cemetery Details

## Floral Hills Memory Gardens

1665 South Boston Rd  
Danville, VA 24540

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **28**. 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM (ET)

Wrenn-Yeatts Westover Chapel  
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# Tribute Wall

DS

“ Another bit of information that was left out of the obituary: Julie Vitale has a wonderful husband, Vince Vitale & they have 2 beautiful children, Alaina & Julian Vitale. These children were Ruth's great-grandchildren & she loved them & Julie & Vince very much. Ruth did not look at some of her family as step-whatevers & I KNOW that from many conversations that we had. It is true that Penny was her only child from her deceased son, Larry Baker & Ruth loved Penny & her family very much. She was willing to always save for them & do without, which was sad to see & hear. So, Penny & her family should be well off monetarily, from Ruth & that is what Ruth wanted. That does not keep the rest of her family from loving her any less & we missed her when she went to Texas. She always said the weather & everything else in Texas did not agree with her & made her sick but, that was the only way to see Penny & the kids. I just hope she was loved & cherished her last few months in Texas as she deserved. I am sorry for the loss to Penny & her family also.  
Step-Niece (I guess),  
Deborah Hopkins Severt



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**Deborah K. Severt** - October 28, 2014 at 12:43 PM

EC

“ So sorry to hear of Ruth's passing. She was a dear and special friend always friendly and kind. Her sewing talents were amazing. I will always be grateful for the times she helped me with special projects. May you find comfort in knowing she has reached that place of rest and peace to struggle no more. May our dear lord comfort you as only He can.



*With Sympathy and Prayers*

*Edith Chandler*

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**Edith Chandler** - October 27, 2014 at 08:42 AM

DS

“ Ruth had one brother-in-law on Hop's side of the family that was also left out, Henry Hopkins. Henry & Shirley Hopkins looked after Ruth more than anyone I know of & they will miss Ruth alot. They took her every Wednesday with them to Walmart or anywhere else she needed to go. She always let Henry know when she wanted her flu shot & he would gladly go & get her & get the job done. If she had any problems, she always called Henry here in Danville & Jay in Lynchburg & they would figure out what was needed to help her. Jay & Karen even got her an alarm system for the house because she was scared after some incidents but, unfortunately, she could never figure it out. Some of our seniors do not like the new gadgets but alot of it is they do not like the changes. Ruth will be missed by anyone that knew her!

*Deborah Hopkins Severt*

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**Deborah K. Severt** - October 27, 2014 at 07:46 AM

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“ *Family of Ruth,  
I remember her so fondly from Southall  
Baptist Church. Such a sweet Christian lady. I  
would see her walking every morning as I  
went to work. May God Bless her sweet  
family left behind. With love,  
Marie Compton Cumbo*



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**Marie Cumbo** - October 26, 2014 at 04:05 PM



“ *Penny, So sorry for your loss. Your grandmother was always nice to  
me. My prayer are with you and yours during this difficult time.*

*Love and prayers,  
Matthew Jones*

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**Matthew Jones** - October 26, 2014 at 07:58 AM

DS

“ *To: Jay, Karen, Julie, Penny & Family  
Ruth was a very special woman to each of us & will be missed by  
alot of people. I so enjoyed our traveling to Lynchburg each year for  
the Hopkins family get-together. We talked & laughed about all  
kinds of subjects. I know that Hop is happy now & he probably met  
her at the gate. She also had another step-son named Ken Hopkins  
& his wife. Hop was very proud of his 2 sons & I hope nobody tries  
to take that away now. Ruth loved all of the babies & was a great  
Granny to them all. Cherish each & every memory! If we all live the  
good life, we will see them all one of these days. Always be ready!  
Our family is dwindling down & that is more the reason to cherish &  
love one another. Love you all.  
Deborah Hopkins Severt*

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**Deborah Severt** - October 24, 2014 at 07:55 AM

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**Julia Vitale** - October 23, 2014 at 11:05 PM

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**Julia Vitale** - October 23, 2014 at 10:59 PM

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**Julia Vitale** - October 23, 2014 at 10:53 PM

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Julia Vitale - October 23, 2014 at 10:51 PM

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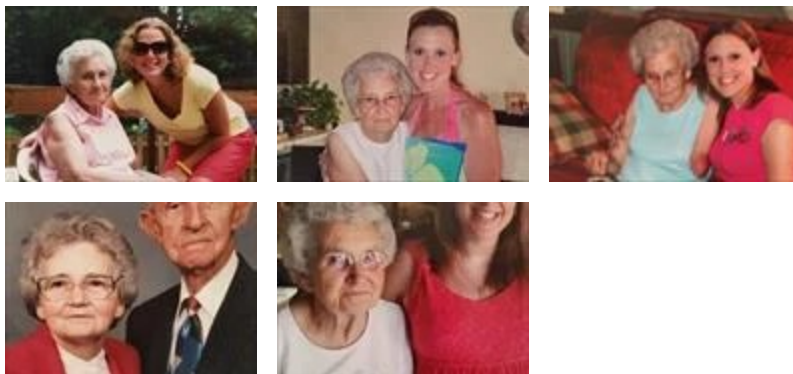
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Julia Vitale - October 23, 2014 at 10:40 PM

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Julia Vitale - October 23, 2014 at 10:36 PM

JV

“ *Granny,  
You were the only grandmother I have ever known on Dad's side. You were there from the day I was born...and I peed on you :). I have eaten thousands, maybe millions of your biscuits, shared so many walks and talks. Sat at the table eating your wonderful food and always saving room for some amazing dessert. The summers spent with you are some of my most fond memories. Waking up early with you and getting ready for church, sitting in your Sunday school class and talking to your church friends, coming home to help you with lunch. Lazy days on the porch, nights of cream and baseball. The memories flood back to me and I will cherish them always. Thank you for loving Hop, Dad, Mom and Me. Thank you for all the wisdom and the laughs. You were amazing and truly a wonderful Granny. I miss you and know that we will meet again.*  
xoxoxoxo  
Julie

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**Julia Vitale** - October 23, 2014 at 10:20 PM

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**Julia Vitale** - October 23, 2014 at 10:15 PM



“ *Sweet Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Ruth Baker Hopkins.* ”



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October 23, 2014 at 10:12 PM