



## Ruth Gillie Strader

November 12, 1912 - December 12, 2015

Ruth Gillie Strader, faithful and loving mother, grandmother, aunt, and friend was called home to be with our Lord and Savior on Saturday, December 12, 2015. She has resided at Roman Eagle Nursing & Rehab Center since 2007 due to failing health.

She was born on November 12, 1912, a daughter to the late Bethel Billie Gillie and Betty Ann Harville Gillie. She and her eleven siblings, all deceased, grew up in the Happy Home Community in Ruffin, N.C. She and Henry Clay Strader were married and had two sons, Henry Eugene and James Cleo. After her husband's untimely death she married William Thomas Strader in 1938 and had two sons, William Thomas and Walter Wayne. Even though her last name remained "Strader" her two husbands were not related. Ruth bragged on William by the way he always treated "all four of his boys" the same.

Ruth, lovingly referred to as "Granny," was a dedicated member of Glenwood Memorial Baptist Church for over fifty years where she attended faithfully until moving to Roman Eagle. She will be fondly remembered by many for her beautiful roses, food frozen from the garden, damson preserves and the many family meals she lovingly prepared including her famous banana pudding, potato salad, turnip greens, and various pies including egg custard. One could seldom visit her home without first sharing one of her homemade dishes.

Granny grew up during the Great Depression and believed in hard work. Quitting was never part of her vocabulary. While her children were young she was a devoted homemaker. She later worked at Capitol Coveralls, John Bill and Masons Department Store. In later years her favorite pastime was visiting with her family and friends.

She is survived by her son, William "Tommy" (Sharon), nine grandchildren, fifteen great-grandchildren, seven great-great grandchildren, very special and loving daughter-in-laws: Frances Clark (Jimmy), Gay Strader, Alice Strader and Doris Strader, special nieces and nephews: Doug Gillie (Louise), Dillard Gillie, Danny Strader (Stella), Thomas Strader (Debbie), and Brenda Strader Conrad, and a special great-nephew, Jimmy Gillie (Cindy).

The family would like to extend appreciation to the nursing staff of Roman Eagle for their loving and dedicated care through the years. We also express gratitude to Averett Witcher, and his wife Anne for their love and loyal friendship.

Funeral services will be conducted on Tuesday, December 15, 2015, at 2 p.m. from the Wrenn-Yeatts Westover Chapel by the Reverend Carl Burger and Reverend Averett Witcher. Interment will follow in Danville Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends at the funeral home Monday, December 14, 2015, from 7-8:30 p.m. And at other times they will be at the residence of her son, William Thomas Strader, & wife of Ringgold, VA.

The family suggests that in lieu of flowers, memorial donations be made to Glenwood Memorial Baptist Church, 125 Starling Avenue, Danville, VA. 24540.

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



# Cemetery Details

## Danville Memorial Gardens

510 Church Avenue  
Danville, VA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 14. 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM (ET)

Wrenn-Yeatts Westover Chapel  
5858 Riverside Drive  
Danville, VA 24541  
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## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall

DH

“ I am so sorry to learn of your loss. May your many shared family memories bring you comfort. The scriptures remind us that Almighty God is close to those who grieve; "...He saves those who are crushed in spirit." (Psalm 34:18) My sincerest condolences to all of you.

Dana H. - March 06, 2016 at 09:17 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Ruth Gillie Strader.



December 14, 2015 at 08:33 AM

LF

“ For someone to live to be 103 years old and still be in their right mind is so amazing. I will miss visiting her at Roman Eagle. Up until a few weeks ago she would always have a smile and thank me for coming to see her .Was always thinking about her church, telling me that one Sunday she was going to call me to come and take her to church. How I wish that I could have done that. She knew she was loved by her family because we would laugh and talk about her birthday parties, and how many people came when she was 100..so glad I got to be a part of that celebration. My prayer is that God will give each family member peace, comfort and strength as you go through this time. Will miss this very special lady

Linda Farthing

Linda Farthing - December 12, 2015 at 08:43 PM

BC

“ Aunt Ruth was the favorite for Tom, Danny, and me. We had so many wonderful family get togethers and time spent during summers with Aunt Ruth, Uncle William, Big Tommy, and Wayne. With all those boys around, I think she loved having a girl in the house! I could write for hours telling stories about water from the well, chickens, Cherry the cow, lemon chess pie, bread pudding and some of the best times of my life. I will find it hard to really accept that Aunt Ruth is gone. I know when next November rolls around I will think of her birthday but sadly that loving, beautiful lady will not be with us. I love you, Aunt Ruth. My heart feels empty once again.

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**Brenda Strader Conrad** - December 12, 2015 at 07:11 PM