



Ruth Ann Harton

September 24, 1939 - January 2, 2026

Ruth Ann Harton, beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend, passed away peacefully on January 2, 2026. She was born on September 24, 1939, in Nowata, Oklahoma, to Curtis and Maxine White.

Ruth was proud of her early accomplishments and often shared stories of her years as an outstanding basketball player and valedictorian of her graduating class—achievements that reflected her intelligence, determination, and leadership. Following high school, she began a successful career in banking and was a charter employee of Plaza Bank, where she served as Vice President until her retirement in 1996. Her professionalism, integrity, and dedication left a lasting impression on colleagues and clients.

On December 12, 1958, Ruth married James Richard Brooks. They shared many years together until his passing in 1994 and were blessed with two daughters, Jan Brooks and Shelley Brooks Koster. On December 18, 1998, Ruth married Bob L. Harton. Together, they enjoyed many blissful years of marriage, sharing a love of dancing, embracing the joy of their large blended family, and spending their retirement years attending their grandchildren's and great-grandchildren's school events and sporting activities.

Ruth was a loving and devoted mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother who treasured time spent with family. She was a fantastic cook and took great

joy in hosting holiday dinners, creating traditions and memories that will live on for generations. She especially loved two-stepping and square dancing with Bob and their friends. A woman of strong faith, Ruth was a charter member of East Bartlesville Christian Church, a member of Town and Country Church, and was currently a member of Dewey Christian Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Curtis and Maxine White; her sister, Lana Jo Blackwell; her nephew, Gary Dale Lewallen; and her first husband, James Richard Brooks.

Ruth is survived by her daughter, Janis Brooks; her granddaughter, Nikki Stephens, and husband Jason Stephens. She is also survived by her daughter, Shelley Koster, and husband John "Butch" Koster; grandchildren Brittany Dunn and husband Mike Dunn, and Brady Koster and wife Samantha Koster.

Her great-grandchildren include Rylee McClintock, Easton Stephens, Kynslee Stephens, Dawsyn Dunn, John-John Dunn, Baker Dunn, Keaton Koster, Kova Koster, and Kollyns Koster.

She is further survived by her sister, Vicki Griffin, and husband Larry Griffin; their children, Christy White and husband Rance White, and Ricky Dale Griffin and wife Angelina Griffin, along with their children.

Additional survivors include her stepchildren, Bobby Dale Harton and wife Colleen Harton. Stepdaughter Laketa Harton Langley and husband Tim Langley.

Her step-grandchildren include Tanner Langley, Chad Langley, and Brady Langley. Bobby Harton II and children Taylor Harton and Trey Harton; Rebecca Harton and her daughter Gryffin Harton; Alicia and Trace Helm and their son Tristin Widener; Brandy and Mark Rank and their children Isabelle Andrews and William Andrews; Cory and Kayla Harton and their daughter Opal Harton; Brandon and Carolyn Harton and their children Saint, Max, Atlas, Gabriel, and Luca.

Ruth Ann Harton's legacy lives on through the many lives she touched with love, laughter, faith, and unwavering devotion to her family.

In place of flowers, memorial donations may be made to The Journey Home.

Cemetery Details

Memorial Park Cemetery

4200 Nowata Road
Bartlesville , OK 74006

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 7. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory
1600 SE Washington Blvd.
Bartlesville, OK 74006
(918) 333-4300
info@stumpff.org
<https://www.stumpff.org>

Celebration of Life

JAN 8. 10:00 AM (CT)

Dewey First Christian
9th & Wyandotte
Dewey, OK

Tribute Wall

PS

“*Jan & Shelley ~ I was so very so sad to hear of Ruth's passing. I have so many wonderful memories of us working side by side at the bank. Only now, knowing more of her younger years, I understand why she was always so much help to me! She really was my loan department Rock. One main memory was Shelleys call every afternoon "Mama, we're home from school ". I hope you girls will take good care of yourselves. Beryl & I send our condolences and prayers 🙏*

Pamela Scott - January 16 at 01:31 AM

MB

“*Dear Bob, the girls and all of Ruth's Family,*

I was saddened to hear of Ruth's passing. It has been an honor to care for her over the many years I had the privilege of knowing her.

Ruth was more than a patient to me — she was someone I truly valued and respected. I will always remember her strength, her spirit, and the trust she placed in those who cared for her. She faced life with grace, and she left a lasting impression on everyone who had the pleasure of knowing her.

Please know that my thoughts are with you during this difficult time. I hope you find comfort in the many memories you shared with her and in knowing how deeply she was cared for and appreciated.

*With sincere sympathy,
Mollie Bechtelheimer*

Mollie Bechtelheimer - January 10 at 06:20 PM

SH

“ Was honored to have know Ruth, I will always remember her warm smile at church and the afghan that always saved her seat.I didn't dare sit there! :) May her memory be eternal! Steve & Kathy Halajian

Steve & Kathy Halajian - January 07 at 05:56 PM

RB

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Ruth was a special lady and will be missed by so many.



Rosy Nikkel Beck - January 06 at 11:18 AM

GW

Ruth was a wonderful person. She was my rock and anchor in the storm when I came to Bartlesville as President of Plaza Bank. I shall never forget her ❤️

Gary winters - January 06 at 03:42 PM

DD

What a lovely lady Ruth was! Her smile lit up the room. I have very fond memories of her.

Darla Davis - January 06 at 05:50 PM

NL

Such a lovely lady--I always loved to be around here, her smile lit us a room. Loved square dancing with her and Bob.

Nancy Lewis - January 06 at 10:34 PM

KH

Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. You will be missed by all Aunt Ruth. Rest in peace. 🙏🥹

Kathy Hudgins - January 07 at 11:40 AM