

Ruby N. Basler

December 13, 1930 – June 15, 2026

Ruby Nell Basler, 95, was born on December 13, 1930, to Nellie and Herschel Norman in Parker County, TX, and passed away on June 15, 2026. During her childhood, she lived near Pampa, TX, and later in Moore County, TX. She graduated as valedictorian at Dumas High School in 1949. She received her RN from Northwest Hospital School of Nursing in addition to an Associates of Arts Degree from Amarillo Junior College. She later completed her BSN degree at Washington University in St. Louis where she met Eddie Basler. They married on August 4, 1956, in Pampa, TX. While living in St. Louis, she worked as a night-call nurse and at St. Louis Children's Hospital before she and Eddie moved to Stillwater where Eddie became a Botany professor. Three of their children were born in Stillwater, and the fourth child was born in Champaign, IL, where the family lived during Eddie's visiting professorship. Ruby worked at the OSU Student Health Center from 1971 until her retirement in 1991, where she eventually became Director of Nurses. She also volunteered at Judith Karman Hospice and consulted at The Life Adult Day Care after retirement. Ruby was a devoted member of the First Baptist church and served in numerous ministries including the nursery, Mission Friends, and senior adult ladies' classes. She and her family traveled extensively throughout the Western United States and Canada. Ruby was preceded in death by her husband of 61 years as well as by her brother, Luther Norman. She is survived by four children and their spouses: Susan Basler, Steven Basler (Peggy), Michael Basler (Zoila), and Barry Basler (Ruth Ann) as well as her sister Betty Wood in addition to nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.