



Daisy "Ruth" Ashley Clark

April 14, 1934 - March 20, 2025

Daisy "Ruth" Ashley Clark was called home by God, peacefully and gently, on March 20, 2025. She was 90 years old.

She was born in Rock Hall, MD on April 14, 1934, the daughter of the late Willard and Elizabeth Ashley. She attended Rock Hall High School with the class of 1952. On October 1, 1949, she married Charles Franklin "Charlie" Clark, Sr. and the two had seven beautiful children between the years of 1950 – 1959, all born and raised in Rock Hall. She began working for Campbell Soup for about six years in the early 1960s. She then went to work for Clark's Store. After her time at Clark's Store, she also owned and operated both a general store in Piney Neck and the Rock Hall Snack Bar.

Ruth was an active attendee of Kennedyville United Methodist Church and was a member of the Kennedyville United Methodist Women. She was also a member and past president of the Soroptimist Club. She enjoyed playing cards with her Wednesday card group, as well as bowling on the Wednesday Night Ladies League at Queen Anne Bowling Center. As a young teenager, she worked as a pinsetter at the Rock Hall Bowling Lanes. She was also a member of the Ladies of the Elks. She went on many cruises and thoroughly enjoyed them all, but especially loved visiting Canada, Ireland, and New England. She was a die-hard Orioles fan. Most of all, she loved being the matriarch or "Queenie" of the Ashley and Clark families: cooking for them, planning parties and reunions, and attending school events for her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 50 years, Charlie Clark (2000); son, Larry Clark (1995); grandson, Adam Maloney (2020); and sisters, Flora Elbourn (1989) and Edna Unruh (2014). She is survived by her children: Rev. Vonnie Paxton (Bill), Rita Kulley (Eddie), Chucky Clark (Rebecca), Lori Campbell, Gail Manley (Richard), and Ruthie Maloney (Lester); sisters, Brenda Biddle and Helen Taylor (Joel); as well as 13 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren, and 5 great-great-grandchildren. Services will be held on Tuesday, March 25 at 1:00 pm at Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home in Chestertown. A visitation will be held two hours prior, from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm at the funeral home. Interment to follow in Wesley Chapel Cemetery. Following the burial everyone is invited to join the family at the Rock Hall Fire House for refreshments and a time of fellowship. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Kennedyville United Methodist Church Piano Fund (PO Box 32, Kennedyville, MD 21645), Rock Hall Volunteer Fire Company (21500 Rock Hall Ave, Rock Hall, MD 21661) or the Soroptimist Club (PO Box 389, Rock Hall, MD 21661).

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 25. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home
130 Speer Road
Chestertown, MD 21620
<http://www.fhnfuneralhome.com>

Service

MAR 25. 1:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home
130 Speer Road
Chestertown, MD 21620
<http://www.fhnfuneralhome.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Daisy "Ruth" Ashley Clark*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - March 25, 2025 at 07:38 AM

JH

“ *I'm sorry to learn that Mrs. Ruth passed. I talked with her many times at the Rock Hall Snack Bar.*

Jack Heinefeld - April 06, 2025 at 09:34 AM

JE

“ *Jo Ann Edwards lit a candle in memory of Daisy "Ruth" Ashley Clark*



Jo Ann Edwards - March 27, 2025 at 09:48 AM

TS

“ *Todd And Diane Smith lit a candle in memory of Daisy "Ruth" Ashley Clark*



Todd and Diane Smith - March 26, 2025 at 09:37 AM

EP

“ *Such a special person and will certainly be missed.* ”



Elsye Ann Porter - March 25, 2025 at 07:33 PM

JB

“ *I remember Miss Ruth fondly. I spent many hours with those card playing ladies, especially when I was a child. I'm sorry to hear of her passing. My condolences to her family.* ”

Jodie Bornman - March 25, 2025 at 12:06 PM

JE

“ *Jim And Mary Ann Edwards sent a virtual gift in memory of Daisy "Ruth" Ashley Clark* ”



Jim and Mary Ann Edwards - March 25, 2025 at 08:31 AM

PC

“ *Delightful memories that I will cherish always. My love and prayers for the entire family. Words cannot express the loss of mom mom Clark. The joy she brought to all who knew her will remain forever in our hearts.* ”

Pat Campbell - March 24, 2025 at 09:10 PM

KL

“ Katherine Langenfelder lit a candle in memory of Daisy "Ruth" Ashley Clark



Katherine Langenfelder - March 24, 2025 at 04:50 PM

PM

“ Peggy & Moe lit a candle in memory of Daisy "Ruth" Ashley Clark



Peggy & Moe - March 24, 2025 at 03:25 PM

CC

“ Cody & Cindy Clark sent a virtual gift in memory of Daisy "Ruth" Ashley Clark



Cody & Cindy Clark - March 24, 2025 at 03:02 PM

CO

Thoughts and Prayers.

Cody - March 24, 2025 at 03:03 PM



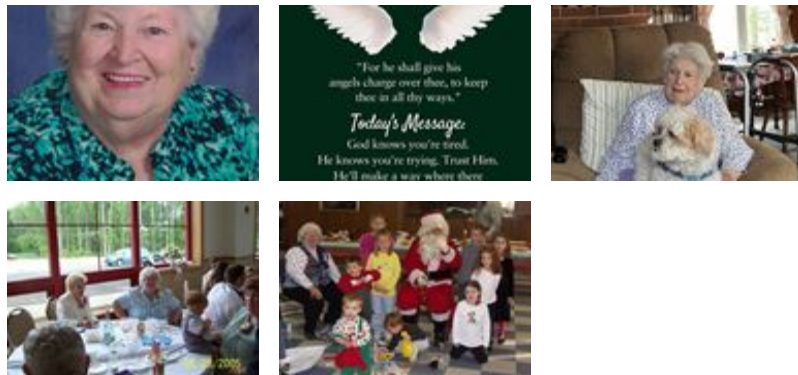
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Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - March 24, 2025 at 02:35 PM



“ 191 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - March 24, 2025 at 10:55 AM



“ Frankie & Jane Dill sent a virtual gift in memory of Daisy "Ruth" Ashley Clark



Frankie & Jane Dill - March 24, 2025 at 10:53 AM

FR

Wonderful Life-Wonderful Lady-Wonderful Family. Hold on to your precious memories.

Frankie - March 24, 2025 at 10:56 AM

FR

“ *Fr sent a virtual gift in memory of Daisy "Ruth" Ashley Clark*



Fr - March 24, 2025 at 10:52 AM

BA

“ *Thoughts and Prayers are with the families at this difficult time. So very sorry for your loss.*



Barbara and Albert Allen - March 23, 2025 at 10:43 PM

KC

“ *Can you just envision the "Clark reunion" going on in Heaven? Oh my! And now they have the perfect voice to help celebrate. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.*
Kathy and Greg

Kathy and Greg Clark - March 23, 2025 at 04:59 PM

RK

“ Mom was the matriarch of our family. She was well known and loved by all she came into contact with. Mom loved playing cards, playing bingo, reading and putting puzzles together. She especially liked to sing old country songs and hymns. She had a voice like Loretta Lynn whom she said they had so much in common. Mom loved her entire family and treated us all like we were "the Best". I will miss you Mom. Rita.



Rita Kulley - March 23, 2025 at 04:33 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Daisy "Ruth" Ashley Clark.



March 23, 2025 at 02:43 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Daisy "Ruth" Ashley Clark.

March 23, 2025 at 02:43 PM

BW

“ Barb Wyman lit a candle in memory of Daisy "Ruth" Ashley Clark



Barb Wyman - March 23, 2025 at 02:02 PM

MJ

“ *Mark & Sandra Joiner lit a candle in memory of Daisy "Ruth" Ashley Clark*



Mark & Sandra Joiner - March 23, 2025 at 10:14 AM

AG

“ *Prayers and Condolences to Ms. Ruth's Family, Extended family and Friends. What a truly great family, i've some great memories of Ms. Ruth and all of your family. Prayers as you go through life's Celebration of Ms. Ruth. Arthur Godfrey.*

Arthur Godfrey - March 22, 2025 at 03:44 PM

NW

“ *Nancy Walls lit a candle in memory of Daisy "Ruth" Ashley Clark*



Nancy Walls - March 22, 2025 at 12:46 PM

DN

“ *Debbie And Bob Nickerson lit a candle in memory of Daisy "Ruth" Ashley Clark*



Debbie and Bob Nickerson - March 22, 2025 at 11:41 AM

JD

“ *Judy Dagenais lit a candle in memory of Daisy "Ruth" Ashley Clark*



Judy Dagenais - March 22, 2025 at 11:37 AM



“ *Sharon Stafford lit a candle in memory of Daisy "Ruth" Ashley Clark*



Sharon Stafford - March 22, 2025 at 08:54 AM

JH

“ *Joan Horsey lit a candle in memory of Daisy "Ruth" Ashley Clark*



Joan Horsey - March 22, 2025 at 08:00 AM

DJ

“ *Wendy and family my thoughts and prayers are with you.*



Denise Jones - March 21, 2025 at 10:56 PM

MK

“ Thoughts and prayers are with the family during this most difficult time.

May all the fond memories and stories provide comfort.

Margaret C Kaufman - March 21, 2025 at 09:59 PM

DB

“ Doris George Bramble lit a candle in memory of Daisy "Ruth" Ashley Clark



Doris George Bramble - March 21, 2025 at 09:06 PM

LM

“ Lecia Marshner lit a candle in memory of Daisy "Ruth" Ashley Clark



Lecia Marshner - March 21, 2025 at 08:17 PM

KS

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers to all of you. We have all loss a special lady and will be missed by everyone.



Kathy Shriley - March 21, 2025 at 07:18 PM

DW

“ *Debbie Wiest lit a candle in memory of Daisy "Ruth" Ashley Clark*



Debbie Wiest - March 21, 2025 at 06:46 PM

JH

“ *Joan Hatcherson lit a candle in memory of Daisy "Ruth" Ashley Clark*



Joan Hatcherson - March 21, 2025 at 06:42 PM

RH

“ *Hubby & Robin*



Robin Hawthorne - March 21, 2025 at 05:59 PM

BB

“ *I will forever miss my sister. The fun times we had. She never let us forget she was the boss and we kept our mouths shut on that. I will always miss and love you forever. No goodbyes just till we meet again*💔💔

Brenda Biddle - March 21, 2025 at 05:58 PM

CF

“ *Connie Lee Fithian lit a candle in memory of Daisy "Ruth" Ashley Clark*



Connie Lee Fithian - March 21, 2025 at 05:45 PM

BP

“ *Bill And Norma Patton lit a candle in memory of Daisy "Ruth" Ashley Clark*



Bill and Norma Patton - March 21, 2025 at 05:27 PM

SC

“ *Steve And Judy Cooper lit a candle in memory of Daisy "Ruth" Ashley Clark*



Steve and Judy Cooper - March 21, 2025 at 05:03 PM

SC

Our thoughts and prayers are with your entire family. Memories are very special and we know that Miss Ruth provided her family with many

Steve and Judy Cooper - March 21, 2025 at 05:06 PM

JF

Ruth, you were an Icon in Rock Hall and will be deeply missed. I enjoyed cruising with you and your wonderful family. Jean Foreman and Family

Jean Foreman - March 22, 2025 at 12:52 PM

TJ

“ *Sending Love and condolences to all my Clark cousins. She will be missed.* ”

Thomas Elbourn, Jr - March 21, 2025 at 05:00 PM



“ *7 files added to the tribute wall* ”



Kris Hickman - March 21, 2025 at 04:41 PM

RM

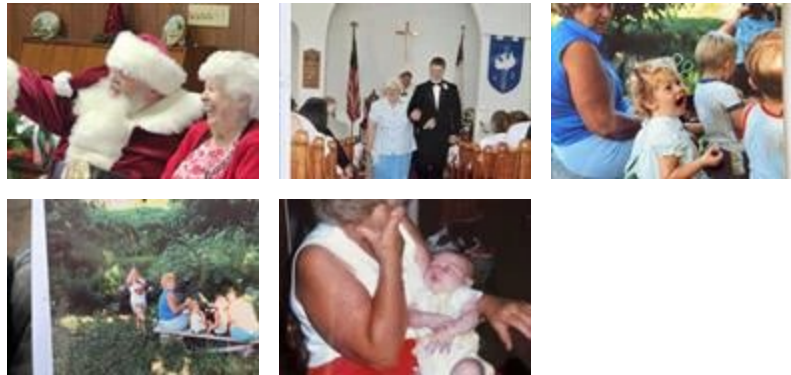
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Ruthie Maloney - March 21, 2025 at 04:04 PM

RM

“ 13 files added to the tribute wall



Ruthie Maloney - March 21, 2025 at 03:58 PM

CH

“ Christy And Herman Hill lit a candle in memory of Daisy "Ruth" Ashley Clark



Christy and herman hill - March 21, 2025 at 03:51 PM

RM

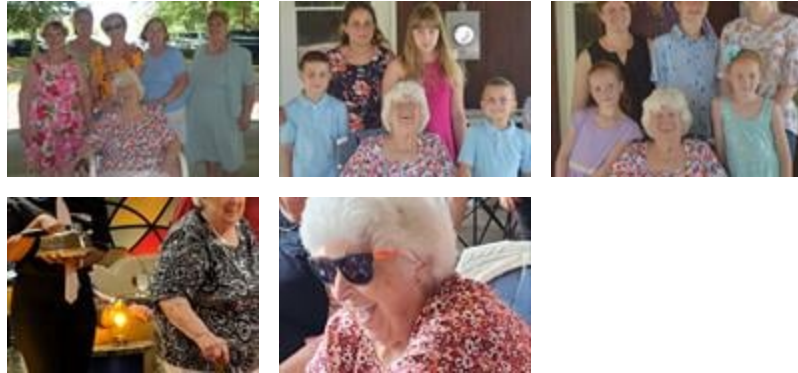
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Ruthie Maloney - March 21, 2025 at 03:49 PM

RM

“ 14 files added to the tribute wall



Ruthie Maloney - March 21, 2025 at 03:42 PM

EL

“ Edgar & Nancy Legg lit a candle in memory of Daisy "Ruth" Ashley Clark



Edgar & Nancy Legg - March 21, 2025 at 03:24 PM

NB

“ Nancy L Beck lit a candle in memory of Daisy "Ruth" Ashley Clark



Nancy L Beck - March 21, 2025 at 02:03 PM

BG

“ To all of Mrs.Ruths family..I am deeply sorry to learn of Mrs.Ruth passing.what a hard working lady she was. I have many memories from years ago with Mrs.Ruth..I’m sure each if you have many joyous memories as well.prayers for all of her family for peace and comfort..with love ,BettyAnn Glenn



Betty ann Glenn - March 21, 2025 at 01:51 PM



What a Wonderful & Lovely Lady she was, & many memories you all must have, sending hugs to each & everyone of you ❤️

Sharon Stafford - March 22, 2025 at 08:53 AM

JD

“ Jane And Frankie Dill sent a virtual gift in memory of Daisy "Ruth" Ashley Clark



Jane and Frankie Dill - March 21, 2025 at 01:36 PM

JD

Dear Clark Family— find comfort in the many wonderful memories your family shared with Mama Ruth. Prayers be with you .🙏

Jane and Frankie Dill - March 21, 2025 at 01:40 PM

FL

“ Frankie And Cathy Legg lit a candle in memory of Daisy "Ruth" Ashley Clark



Frankie and Cathy Legg - March 21, 2025 at 01:33 PM

DD

“ Debbie Dalrymple lit a candle in memory of Daisy "Ruth" Ashley Clark



Debbie Dalrymple - March 21, 2025 at 12:33 PM

NH

“ Nancy Hubbad lit a candle in memory of Daisy "Ruth" Ashley Clark



Nancy Hubbad - March 21, 2025 at 11:27 AM

NH

Always had a smile. A great Lady

Nancy Hubbad - March 21, 2025 at 11:29 AM

CS

“ Carol Smith lit a candle in memory of Daisy "Ruth" Ashley Clark



Carol Smith - March 21, 2025 at 11:16 AM

IT

“ Inez Thompson lit a candle in memory of Daisy "Ruth" Ashley Clark



Inez Thompson - March 21, 2025 at 10:33 AM

JS

“ Jeanette Stubbs lit a candle in memory of Daisy "Ruth" Ashley Clark



Jeanette Stubbs - March 21, 2025 at 10:32 AM

RK

“ Condolences to the Clark family. 💔 We shared a birthday. I'll always remember that. Miss Ruth will be greatly missed.



Ruth Kerr - March 21, 2025 at 10:24 AM

LO

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Sending our love.

Lora - March 21, 2025 at 10:03 AM

LS

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire family.

Ken and Louise Stonesifer



Louise H Stonesifer - March 21, 2025 at 09:54 AM

BE

“ Bonnie Edwards lit a candle in memory of Daisy "Ruth" Ashley Clark



Bonnie Edwards - March 21, 2025 at 09:49 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Daisy "Ruth" Ashley Clark.

March 21, 2025 at 09:26 AM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Daisy "Ruth" Ashley Clark.



March 21, 2025 at 09:26 AM

JE

“ Jim And Mary Ann Edwards sent a virtual gift in memory of Daisy "Ruth" Ashley Clark



Jim and Mary Ann Edwards - March 21, 2025 at 09:05 AM

BB

“ Barney & Kaye Barnes lit a candle in memory of Daisy "Ruth" Ashley Clark



Barney & Kaye Barnes - March 21, 2025 at 08:27 AM

LP

“ Leah J Plato lit a candle in memory of Daisy "Ruth" Ashley Clark



Leah J Plato - March 21, 2025 at 08:19 AM

CT

“ Carroll Thompson lit a candle in memory of Daisy "Ruth" Ashley Clark



Carroll Thompson - March 21, 2025 at 08:14 AM

CE

“ Charles & Donna Hubbard Edwards sent a virtual gift in memory of Daisy "Ruth" Ashley Clark



Charles & Donna Hubbard Edwards - March 21, 2025 at 08:13 AM

TL

“ Tammy And Matt Larrimore lit a candle in memory of Daisy "Ruth" Ashley Clark



Tammy And Matt Larrimore - March 21, 2025 at 07:56 AM

MF

“ Marilyn Ford lit a candle in memory of Daisy "Ruth" Ashley Clark



Marilyn Ford - March 21, 2025 at 01:16 AM

GT

“ Gale Tucker lit a candle in memory of Daisy "Ruth" Ashley Clark



Gale Tucker - March 21, 2025 at 12:33 AM



“ *Sherrie Jacobs lit a candle in memory of Daisy "Ruth" Ashley Clark*



Sherrie Jacobs - March 20, 2025 at 11:55 PM

JG

“ *Jeanne & Rick Geibel lit a candle in memory of Daisy "Ruth" Ashley Clark*



Jeanne & Rick Geibel - March 20, 2025 at 10:47 PM

CN

“ *Chris & Vivian Nordhoff lit a candle in memory of Daisy "Ruth" Ashley Clark*



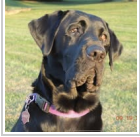
Chris & Vivian Nordhoff - March 20, 2025 at 10:11 PM

MU

“ *Marie Usilton lit a candle in memory of Daisy "Ruth" Ashley Clark*



Marie Usilton - March 20, 2025 at 08:10 PM



“ Matt Larrimore lit a candle in memory of Daisy
"Ruth" Ashley Clark



Matt Larrimore - March 20, 2025 at 07:06 PM



“ Grace &Kenny Hayman lit a candle in
memory of Daisy "Ruth" Ashley Clark



Grace &Kenny Hayman - March 20, 2025 at 06:51 PM



“ Josh&Edith Elbourn lit a candle in memory of
Daisy "Ruth" Ashley Clark



Josh&Edith Elbourn - March 20, 2025 at 06:38 PM



“ Roni Thomas lit a candle in memory of Daisy
"Ruth" Ashley Clark



Roni Thomas - March 20, 2025 at 06:35 PM

LP

“ Lee Phillips lit a candle in memory of Daisy
"Ruth" Ashley Clark



Lee Phillips - March 20, 2025 at 06:26 PM

JL

“ John M Larrimore lit a candle in memory of
Daisy "Ruth" Ashley Clark



John M Larrimore - March 20, 2025 at 06:22 PM

LC

Went to school with Lori and knew all of her brothers and sisters..Got to know "Miss Ruth" later when she sat at the card table with my mother, Gertrude Heinefield. Mom always had the best stories about their card games and the stories that "Miss Ruth" told about her kids. To say she will be missed is an understatement but she's home now and oh what a joy to reunite with those she's missed so much!
Lisa Cook

Lisa Cook - March 24, 2025 at 03:02 PM