



Ruby Bailey

December 30, 1932 - June 18, 2026

Ruby Bailey, 93, of Charlotte, Michigan, a woman whose life was defined by faith, love, and steadfast independence, passed away on June 18, 2026. Ruby was born on December 30, 1932, in Jeff, Kentucky, the daughter of Greely and Elizabeth (Howard) Young. Raised in the hills of Kentucky, she carried throughout her life a spirit of kindness, resilience, and determination that touched everyone who knew her.

Ruby found her "knight in shining armor" in Woodrow Bailey, and together they built a loving home and life in Charlotte. Their home became the gathering place for family, where laughter, conversation, and the aroma of Ruby's home-cooked meals filled the air. Family eagerly looked forward to her famous crispy fried chicken and cast-iron skillet cornbread, and Sunday dinners at "Mom's" remained a cherished tradition for generations.

Known for her generous heart, Ruby never hesitated to help someone in need. Whether offering a meal, a place to stay, or a listening ear, she made others feel welcome and cared for. She expressed her love through her many talents, creating countless crocheted afghans, sweaters, and treasured keepsakes that continue to warm the homes and hearts of her family. She also enjoyed reading mystery novels and spending hours working on puzzles, activities that reflected her sharp mind and patient nature.

Ruby and Woodrow shared a love for gardening and cultivated a beautiful garden that produced an abundance of vegetables and strawberries each year. Family members were always welcome to enjoy the harvest-especially if they helped pick the berries.

A woman of deep and abiding faith, Ruby was a devoted member of Calvary Baptist Church in Charlotte, where she faithfully participated in ladies' groups and served others with her caring spirit.

While raising her children, Ruby began working at Owens Illinois, where she held a variety of positions, from sweeping floors to inspecting bottles on the production line. She approached every task with pride, dedication, and a strong work ethic.

Above all else, Ruby treasured her family. She is survived by her children; Charles (Vicki) Bailey, and Judy (Jack) Owens; seven grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren. She took great pride in the five generations of family that grew from her legacy of love. Ruby was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Woodrow, in 1988; and daughter, Linda Mix in 1993. Through faith and determination, she continued to live independently for many years, surrounded by cherished memories and the love of her family.

When asked about her favorite memory, Ruby would simply smile and say, "When my children were born."

That simple answer beautifully reflects the woman she was-loving, selfless, devoted to her family, and forever grateful for life's greatest blessings.

Friends are encouraged to support Ruby's family by sharing memories on her Tribute Page at www.prayfuneral.com <<http://www.prayfuneral.com>>. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to Calvary Baptist Church,

Charlotte or Capital Area Human Society. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.