



## Ruby Mae Sanders Hakel Young

January 2, 1937 - September 14, 2022

Celebration of Life Service for Ruby Young, 85, will be Saturday, September 17, 2022 at 2:00 pm in World Harvest Church with Pastor Brad Mendenhall and Dale Cummins officiating. Arrangements are by Anderson-Burriss Funeral Home and Crematory. Visitation with the family will be Friday evening from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the funeral home. The service will be livestreamed on [Harvestenid.com](http://Harvestenid.com).

Ruby was the first child born to Roy and Inez Sanders (Mahaffey) born January 2, 1937 on the family farm just North of Goltry. Ruby made her descent to Heaven Wednesday, September 14, 2022 in Enid, Oklahoma.

Growing up on the family farm, Ruby loved being outside and not in the kitchen. Milking the cows and cleaning chickens was the part of her daily routine. She was proud of the fact that she could milk faster and clean more chickens than the rest of the family. Always a competitor, whether it was work, at home, on the basketball court or fighting cancer two times. Ruby never gave up.

On September 25, 1960, Ruby married her high school sweetheart, Tom Hakel and they made their home in Goltry, Oklahoma. A daughter, Cynthia (Cindi) completed their family in the winter of 1962. As Cindi grew up, Ruby served many years at the Christian Union Bible Junior Camp as a counselor

and was dean of the girls. She was always a positive role model and leader to the kids. Ruby attended Enid Business College. She ran a home daycare in Goltry and in Enid for many years. In 1997, she began as a volunteer at St. Mary's and then as a volunteer at Integris Bass Hospitals. She volunteered for 24 years at both facilities. You could bet, Ruby was the first one to show up at the hospital in the mornings and the last one to leave at night for 6 to 7 days a week. Each year, Ruby would have more hours volunteering than a fulltime employee! Everyone that came through the hospitals knew Ruby! She was a legend! Her love for volunteering was her ministry. If she could help someone or make them smile her job was complete. It was her passion! She was a member of the Goltry Christian Union Bible Church: After the church closed, she started attending World Harvest Church in Enid, which became her church home since 2016.

Ruby is survived by one daughter, Cindi Hakel of Enid; sister, Faye Reuss of Goltry; brothers, Vernon and Jo Sanders of Goltry and Frank and Kim Sanders of Enid; 18 nieces and nephews; grandpup - Owen; extended family - Jennifer Chavez, Carolyn McDaniel, Carolene English, Melisa and Doug Franks; Nana to Madelyne Griffet (Tyler) and Dee Franks; Special friends - Carole Krejci, Ann Sedbrook, Jeanette Breckenridge, Phyllis Blaser, and Anna Sullivan.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Roy and Inez Sanders; husbands, Tom Hakel and Dale Young; brothers, Donald Ray Sanders and Willis Lee Sanders.

Memorials may be made through Anderson-Burriss to Anderson-Burriss (to help with funeral expenses), SPCA, New Covenant Fellowship Church Building Fund, (Goltry), World Harvest Church Building Fund (Enid).

# Previous Events

## Family Visitation

SEP **16.** 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Anderson-Burriss Funeral Home  
Enid, OK

## Celebration of Life

SEP **17.** 2:00 PM (CT)

World Harvest Church  
1417 S. Garland Rd.  
Enid, OK

# Tribute Wall

CH

“ *I miss you everyday Momma!*

Cindi Hakel - January 16, 2024 at 04:44 PM

CH

“ *I miss you Momma my best friend forever!*

Cindi M HAKEL - April 04, 2023 at 05:12 PM

JS

“ *Ruby was always smiling and willing to help anyone. I had the pleasure of getting to know her through my husband Larry Smith. He thought the world of Ruby. Prayers for you Cindi and Frank and Kim along with the rest of your family. God be with you all.*

Joy Smith - September 17, 2022 at 10:35 AM

CS

“ *What a lady. Ruby could work circles around not only volunteers but employees of the hospital. I had the honor of supervising the St. Mary's volunteer program for years and one thing was a given: Ruby would be there to help on any project at any time. Ruby certainly set a wonderful example of volunteerism to other volunteers and, yes, even employees.*

Cyndy Shepherd - September 17, 2022 at 06:56 AM

DK

“ *I'm a volunteer at Integris Bass Hospital and Ruby was too. She was there every day. I was there one afternoon a week. She was always ready to help where she could. it was a joy to have her around and Ive missed her since she quit.*

Darlene Koehn - September 16, 2022 at 11:20 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Ruby Mae Sanders Hakel Young.*



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September 16, 2022 at 03:37 PM



“ *You Ruby are going to be missed by so many as long as I know you you always were a very Spunky lady you would say crazy things to me when we will be at a party by Burt's house and then have an attitude behind it you had a way of cracking me up you were so funny and we are going to love and miss you lady but I am so glad you are out of pain*



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**Lorrie Munoz** - September 15, 2022 at 08:56 PM



“ *Ruby was a unique lady with lots of energy. Always giving through volunteering. Ecclesiastes 12:7 - And the dust returns to the earth as it was, and the spirit returns to God who gave it. Rest In Pease my friend.*

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**Shedrick Harris** - September 15, 2022 at 10:09 AM



“ *Ruby was always at the hospital everytime I ever went to visit or have my daughter there for treatment. She was one of a kind and very well loved. My condolences to the family. She will be missed. Linda Bowen*

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**Linda Bowen** - September 15, 2022 at 09:13 AM

SB

*I worked with her many years at Integris Bass Hospital. She was always eager to work and do her job 100%. I loved when she would come to the intensive care unit to bring a patient or drop mail off. Most people that she pushed in the wheelchair was half her age. She will be missed. 🥹❤️*

Sonya Bowen - September 15, 2022 at 10:00 PM

LB

“ Linda Bacon lit a candle in memory of Ruby Mae Sanders Hake! Young



Linda Bacon - September 14, 2022 at 10:09 PM

LB

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Ruby was so caring and helpful I enjoyed talking with Ruby at Integris. She had t h e best smile. Prayers for the family.

Linda Bacon - September 14, 2022 at 10:08 PM

LN

“ Ruby was always smiling and greeting people with something to cheer you up. Ruby was a VERY special person

Linda Nichols - September 14, 2022 at 09:48 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ruby Mae Sanders Hake! Young.



September 14, 2022 at 09:27 PM

AA

“ *Ruby was always a ray of sunshine when I would see her at Integris Baptist Hospital. She will certainly be missed by all who knew her. Prayer for you and your family, Cindi.* ”

Ann Ailsworth - September 14, 2022 at 08:26 PM

JW

“ *I am so sorry Cindi. Prayers are with your family.* ”



Jodi Walker - September 14, 2022 at 06:41 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Ruby Mae Sanders Hakel Young.* ”



September 14, 2022 at 06:25 PM

NB

“ *Nancy Brown lit a candle in memory of Ruby Mae Sanders Hakel Young* ”



Nancy Brown - September 14, 2022 at 05:44 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ruby Mae Sanders Hakel Young.*



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September 14, 2022 at 04:25 PM