



## Ruth Wheeler

July 28, 1927 - January 21, 2019

Willie Ruth Wheeler departed this earth on Monday, January 21, 2019, at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Booneville and is now with our Lord. She was born July 28, 1927, to Ollie Ora Olive Jennings and John Elbert Jennings in Prentiss County. She was a graduate of Booneville High School, attended Business School in Memphis and afterward worked with Baldwin Farmers & Merchants Bank.

Ruth developed many close friends including a lifelong friendship with Mrs. Tootsie McCrary Morris. Tootsie and her husband Charles, stayed in close contact with Ruth and her family throughout the years and their friendship was cherished. Upon marrying Mr. James {Jimmy} Wheeler on December 31, 1948, Ruth became a dedicated homemaker who organized and helped make each of the many moves the family made over the years as smooth and pleasant as possible.

The family relocations included moves to Memphis, TN, Chicago, Ill., Anaheim, Ca., Decatur, Ill, Fullerton, Ca., and Savannah, Ga. as his career progressed over the years. Ruth always had a desire and goal to return home to her family land in Booneville, MS which she did upon retirement. Ruth was most content looking out the back window over the hills of the family homestead. She was happy to be living across the street from her brothers home, Mr. J.W. Jennings and just down the road from her cousin's house, Mrs. Virginia Jennings Beaumont. She loved playing scrabble with Virginia and spending time with her brother, J.W.

Ruth volunteered for many years at Booneville Hospital Gift Shop and received Volunteer of The Year in recognition of her service. She was a member of Gaston Baptist Church where she “loved to rock the bed babies” in the nurse’s office.

She leaves behind her daughter, Pam Wheeler Jordan and her husband Brandt Jordan, daughter, Myra Ruth Wheeler, grandchildren, Hope Jordan Short and her husband David Short, James Brice Jordan and Kelly Parker Jordan, brother, J.W. Jennings of Booneville, sister, Dorothy Jean Pilgram of Jackson, sister in law, Mary Jane Wheeler, of Booneville, cousins, Bobby Jennings and Sadie Inman, of Booneville along with several nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her parents and husband.

Visitation will be at Booneville Funeral Home on Friday, January 25, 2019, from 11:00 until 1:00. Funeral service will be at 1:00 PM. Burial will be in Gaston Baptist Church Cemetery. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to Gaston Baptist Church Nursery at 1908 Gaston Rd, Booneville, MS 38829. Condolences may be extended to the family at [boonevillefuneralhome.net](http://boonevillefuneralhome.net).

# Cemetery Details

## **Gaston Cemetery**

Gaston Road  
Booneville, MS 38829