



## Delta Nancy Ruth Lightner

November 24, 1915 - January 26, 2017

Delta Nancy Ruth Lightner was born November 24, 1915 into the loving and hard-working farm family of Roff and Lura Ruth of Washburn in Grainger County. Experiencing a lifespan of over a century, she passed into the promised arms of Jesus on Thursday, January 26, 2017. She was the last of the immediate Ruth family of 10 to survive.

After graduation from the University of Tennessee, as an independent young woman, she found many employments ranging from working at Alcoa during WWII to school teaching almost every grade to Home Demonstrations Agent in Sevier County where she met her husband, Lewis, then working on Douglas Dam.

After living in many different locations in the US, they retired to East Tennessee. A great joy to her life was tending her bounteous vegetable gardens, and “watching things grow.” The center of a long and fulfilled life was her faith in Jesus Christ, lived out within the family of Central Baptist Church of Bearden. Her friends and loved ones there meant everything to her. Together in service, she and beloved husband Lewis had their halcyon days. She also loved to travel, making memorable trips with her only daughter, Dr. Delta Ruth and son-in-law Scot Porter, well into her 90’s, usually out-walking folks half her age. Delta is preceded in death by all of her sisters and brother and her husband of 54 years, Lewis Lightner.

Delta’s family will receive friends from 12:30 – 1:30 pm Tuesday at Central Baptist Church, Bearden followed by a 1:30 pm Celebration of Life service. Interment to immediately follow at Highland Memorial Cemetery.

The family wishes to express special gratitude to Mrs. Judith Mynatt and Ms. Tasheika Kincaid for their devotion to and care for Delta.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial donations might be made to the Henry and Bobbie Chiles State and National Missions Fund at Central Baptist Church of Bearden, 6300 Deane Hill Dr, Knoxville TN, 37919.

Arrangements by Rose Mortuary Mann Heritage Chapel. Online condolences at [www.rosemortuary.com](http://www.rosemortuary.com)

# Cemetery

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## Highland Memorial Cemetery

5315 Kingston Pike

Knoxville, TN,

# Events

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**JAN** **Visitation** 12:30PM - 01:30PM

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Central Baptist Church of Bearden  
6300 Deane Hill Dr., Knoxville, TN, US

**JAN** **Celebration of Life** 01:30PM

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**JAN** **Interment to follow**

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Highland Memorial Cemetery  
US

# Comments

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“ Deltaconsult lit a candle in memory of Delta Nancy Ruth Lightner



deltaconsult - February 02, 2017 at 12:45 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Kristi Seal - January 30, 2017 at 11:54 AM



“ Rocky Hill 1979.

Kristi - January 30, 2017 at 11:55 AM

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“ Delta,  
I am not sure you will remember me but I sure do remember you! You were such a positive influence on my walk with Christ as a teenager! Thank you! I always admired your mom and her ready smile and zest for life! I know you will miss her greatly. What a blessing that you had her in your life for so long! Praying you will feel God's love and comfort in tender ways in the days to come!

Jeanie Guthrie Smith

Jeanie Smith - January 30, 2017 at 11:03 AM