



## Sarah DeVore Rucker

August 4, 1941 - April 11, 2025

Sarah Frances (Devore) Rucker was born on August 4th, 1941 to Fred and Lala Devore. Sarah was one of four children. Her father, Fred Devore, worked at Crabapple Corners Antiques and also served as de facto Mayor to the town of Crabapple. Lala went to work for the Oxford Pants Company in 1950.

Sarah, at the age of nine, took on the role of preparing dinner for Fred, Lala, her older sisters Jaunita, Ann, and baby brother Johnny. Sarah was a self-taught cook, and this was the beginning of a lifelong dedication to creating wonderful main dishes and desserts. She will always be remembered by family and friends for her specialty Coconut, Strawberry, and German Chocolate Cakes. Sarah created a cookbook one year for her children and grandchildren titled, "Mama Sarah's Recipes." It will be long cherished and passed through future generations.

As well as teaching herself the art of cooking, Sarah also developed a love of music and began to play the piano in her early years. She would later become a very accomplished, self-taught pianist and organist who could play by ear. Having grown up together in Crabapple, Sarah and childhood friend Ralph Rucker, would marry in 1960 and have four children: Scot Rucker, Elise Rucker, Tracy Spivey and Dee Provencial. Sarah and Ralph were long time members of Crabapple Baptist Church. She spent many Sundays playing the piano or singing for the Sunday Church service. For the last several years she has enjoyed serving Christ with her friends at First Baptist Alpharetta.

Sarah is survived by her husband, four children, nine grandchildren and

twelve great-grandchildren. Her family and many of her friends called her Mama Sarah. Her memory will be cherished by all who were blessed by her kindness, graciousness and servant heart.

Visitation: April 16, 2025, 11:00-3:00 p.m. and 5:00-8:00 pm.

Northside Chapel, 12050 Crabapple Road, Roswell

Celebration of Life: April 17, 2025, 2:00 pm.

First Baptist Church of Alpharetta, 44 Academy Street, Alpharetta

In lieu of Flowers please make donations to Samaritan's Purse; The Gideon's International; Integrated Community Ministries/[www.ky-icm.org](http://www.ky-icm.org).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 16. 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Northside Chapel Funeral Directors & Crematory  
12050 Crabapple Road  
Roswell, GA

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APR 16. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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## Celebration Of Life

APR 17. 2:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church Of Alpharetta  
44 Academy St  
Alpharetta, GA 30009-3702  
(770) 475-6556

# Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Sarah DeVore Rucker.

April 22, 2025 at 12:21 AM



“ My heart is saddened for the loss of Sarah and for all those who love her. I am comforted knowing Heaven is rejoicing welcoming their Saint home...What a wonderful servant & such a bright light reflecting God's love !...A life well- lived serving Others ! I worked at North Fulton Hospital and started & ended many days being greeted by Sarah !...What a Joy to see her & visit with her . Her smile and calming voice and sweet spirit brought such a peace. Sarah was kind and wise and loving and fun. I am so thankful for having known such an amazing person...She was a blessing to me and had a great impact on my life from our daily encounters.

**Kim Wilson** - April 16, 2025 at 12:27 PM



Sarah my friend she was like a mother to me she help with life I love her very very much I will truly miss her. Eddie J

**Eddie Jones** - April 24, 2025 at 01:19 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Sarah DeVore Rucker.

April 16, 2025 at 07:54 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Sarah DeVore Rucker.* ”



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April 16, 2025 at 07:54 AM

“ *Angel Unaware*

*Hebrews 13:1-2*

*Let brotherly love continue. Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.*

*This week McCreary County lost an angel. Most didn't even know of their loss and wouldn't recognize her name. However, for many years, she labored intensely behind the scenes to make sure children in our county would have a blessed Christmas season. Of course, there were the usual games and toys but there was much more. Every child was provided clothing, shoes, and a coat to protect the body. And, every child was taught the reason for Christmas and the ultimate gift, "Jesus". Sarah Rucker loved children. She couldn't bear the thought of even one of them "going without ". She and her beloved husband Ralph and their friends Larry and Joyce Smith worked tirelessly throughout the years to sponsor thousands of McCreary County's children for Christmas. They worked meticulously, paying attention to even the smallest details, to make sure our children would be smiling come Christmas morning. Without knowing it, Sarah became an angel to many—including to me. Her gentle smile and quiet determination were only outpourings of the love she housed inside her heart. A mother, grandmother, and great grandmother, Sarah impacted her family, her friends, and the greater community for God in a way befitting only an angel. She was a model for love, compassion, and generosity. She loved the Lord. She loved others. And she lived her life that way. Her mission made a lasting difference in the lives of many people here in McCreary County— who will never know her name. She will be deeply missed and long remembered by those who had the opportunity to know her and to entertain her presence. I just thought you should know.*

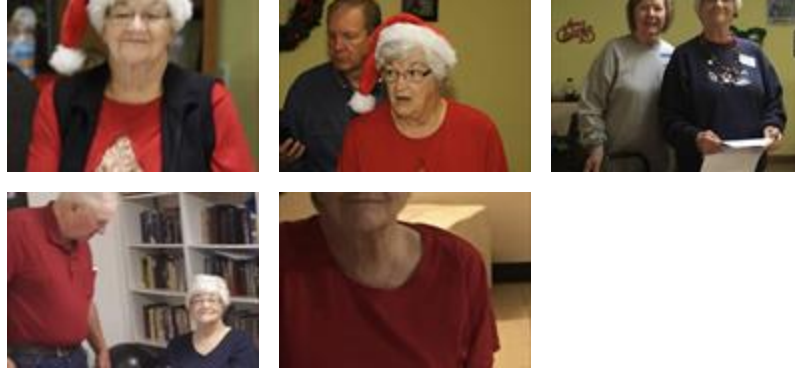
*Barbara Duncan*

*Integrated Community Ministries*

*Rattlesnake Ridge*

*Stearns, Ky.*

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Barb Duncan - April 15, 2025 at 08:29 PM

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“ Jeannette Kakuk planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sarah DeVore Rucker.

Jeannette Kakuk - April 15, 2025 at 09:16 AM

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“ Jeannette Kakuk purchased the Simply Elegant S pathiphyllum for the family of Sarah DeVore Rucker.



Jeannette Kakuk - April 15, 2025 at 09:16 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Sarah DeVore Rucker.

April 14, 2025 at 09:43 AM



“ *Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sarah DeVore Rucker.*



April 14, 2025 at 09:43 AM



“ *I met Mrs. Sarah through Mr. Ralph due to their involvement with Kentucky Kids, which in part supports children in remote areas of Kentucky who wouldn't have a Christmas without it. I got to know her over the years and she was one of the kindest, gentlest people I've ever met. She will be missed and is very loved. We extend our sympathy and love to all her family and loved ones.*

**Mrs Laura Susan Bamberg Gideon** - April 13, 2025 at 04:16 PM



“ *Ben, Laura Susan, Jack, and Ty Gideon planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sarah DeVore Rucker.*

**Ben, Laura Susan, Jack, and Ty Gideon** - April 13, 2025 at 04:11 PM



“ *Ben, Laura Susan, Jack, and Ty Gideon purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Sarah DeVore Rucker.*



**Ben, Laura Susan, Jack, and Ty Gideon** - April 13, 2025 at 04:11 PM

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“ *Sending my love and prayers to Sarah’s family. I worked at NFRH and knew Sarah well. She was always so sweet and kind, a wonderful person. I know the Lord must have his arms wrapped around her.*

*Jane Lear Hatfield*

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**Jane Lear Hatfield** - April 12, 2025 at 12:48 PM