



## Ruth T. Brooks

May 17, 1940 - December 14, 2025

Ruth T. Brooks, 85, of Grand Island, passed away on Sunday, December 14, 2025, at CHI Health St Francis. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Ruth was born on May 17, 1940, in Concord, MA to Joseph and Mary (Catoni) Muscato. She was raised and received her education in the Concord area, graduating from Concord High School in 1958. She earned an Associates Degree in Early Childhood Education in 2005 from Gadsden State Community College in Alabama. Which allowed her to continue her career of teaching preschool children which she started back in 1989 as a teacher's aide at St Mark's Kindergarten in Oxford, Alabama. Ruth then started working for Head Start in 1991, where she worked her way up from being an aide to a teacher until she left for Grand Island in 2009. She continued working as a preschool teacher at Head Start and then the Presbyterian Church until around 2022.

On November 20, 1960, Ruth was united in marriage to Jimmy Brooks. After their marriage, the couple followed Jimmy's military career and lived in Germany, Washington, Alaska, and Alabama, where they decided to make a home. The couple made their home in Alabama until they moved to Grand Island in June of 2009, after the birth of their first granddaughter.

In her spare time, Ruth enjoyed reading, spending time with her granddaughters, and sewing. She had a black belt in Tae Kwon Do, which she threatened to use often, and she was uncommonly good at fishing, twice being just short of state records.

Those left to cherish her memory include her husband, Jimmy; son, Scott (Amy) Brooks; granddaughters, Maci and Zoe; brother, Joey (Mary Ann) Muscato; and many nieces and nephews.

Ruth was preceded in death by her parents; and sibling, Peter, Mary Ann 'Mayor', and Antoinette 'Nette'.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Ruth was my Sister in Law whom I considered her to be a sister. She was a happy and wore a smile all of the time. I will grieve her for a long time. I love you Ruth.  
Sister in Law Mary Muscato Auntie Tic

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**Mary Muscato** - January 11 at 05:49 PM

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“ Auntie, I can't believe you're gone. You were the most wonderful aunt it was to have. I am going to miss our weekly conversations. You surely will be missed. I love you to the moon and butterfly kisses forever. ❤️😭🦋

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**Sheila Zegarelli** - December 20, 2025 at 03:46 AM

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“ I have nothing but the sweetest thoughts and memories of Maci and Zoe's "nana." Ruth was such a kind, loving person. Thinking of you all.

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**Megan Moore** - December 18, 2025 at 11:13 PM