

Mrs. Ella Ruth Baker Dodson was born in Sumter County, Georgia on March 25, 1947, to the parentage of the late Mr. Lynn Baker and the late Mrs. Amanda Maybelle Baker. Ella Ruth faced a most challenging youth having lost her own mother shortly after birth. However, her joyful and positive personality along with her infectious smile would open doors to a lifetime of being surrounded by true and genuine friends, family, and loved ones.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband, David Lee Dodson, Sr. whom she married on March 4, 1962. They would go on to raise eight children, one of which a son, Steven Bernard, precedes her in death. They provided for them physically and spiritually while teaching them the ways of love and devotion that they demonstrated throughout their 50 years of marriage up to David Dodson, Sr.'s death in 2012.

Ella Ruth was baptized on May 16, 1970, as one of Jehovah's Witnesses. She served many years as a full-time preacher of the good news. She aided and supported countless right-hearted people to learn to love her God, Jehovah, most importantly all her children. She enjoyed singing, dancing, and cooking. But more than that, her favorite activity involved conducting life changing Bible studies and working hand-in-hand with God's Holy Spirit as she helped many Bible students become baptized servants of Jehovah. As she finished her faithful course in this life on September 9, 2022, she showed faith in the promise found in Roman 8:38-39 that "neither death nor life... will be able to separate us from God's love that is in Christ Jesus our Lord".

She leaves to cherish her memories her children: Mr. David (Melissa) Dodson, Jr., Columbus, GA; Mr. Johnny (Marcia) Dodson, Thomaston, GA; Mrs. Gloria Ann (Dexter) Young, Fayetteville, GA; Mrs. Cynthia (James) Braddy, Augusta, GA; Ms. Lorine Dodson, Americus, GA; Mrs. Amanda (Delown) Hill, Sr., Georgetown, GA and Mr. Daniel (Yolanda) Dodson, Albany, GA; her siblings: Mr. Alphonso (Tammy) Baker, Ms. Juanita Idlette, all of Americus, GA and Mr. James (Earnestine) Baker, Augusta, GA; a brother-in-law, Mr. Willie (Lorene) Dodson, Plains, GA; three sisters-in-law: Mrs. Bernice (Arthur) Johnson, Albany, GA; Ms. Evelyn Ogden, Lizella, GA and Mrs. Carolyn (James) Lovett, Hephzibah, GA; a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and friends also survive.