

## **Bush's statement on Ruth Bell Graham's death**

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The following is a statement from President George W. Bush on the passing of Ruth Bell Graham.

Graham was buried Sunday in front of a cross-shaped walkway in the Prayer Garden at Billy Graham's new Library in Charlotte. Illness prevented Graham from ever touring her husband's library. She was 87.

The statement is as follows:

Laura and I are deeply saddened by the death of Ruth Bell Graham, a remarkable woman of faith whose life was defined by her belief in a personal, loving, and gracious God. She was an encouraging friend, accomplished poet, and devoted mother of five and grandmother of 19.

Ruth's marriage to her husband Billy was a true and loving partnership. As the wife of the world's most beloved evangelist, she inspired people around the world with her humor, intelligence, elegance, and kindness. Laura and I offer our prayers and condolences to Billy and the Graham family.