

## **Ruth Graham, wife of Billy Graham, dies at 87**

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Ruth Graham, wife of evangelist Billy Graham, died at 5:05 p.m. yesterday at her home at Little Piney Cove.

She was 87. Ruth originally wanted to work as a missionary, but gave it up to marry Billy. Ruth had been bedridden for months with degenerative osteoarthritis of the back and neck. In a statement yesterday, Billy Graham called Ruth his "life partner," saying they were "called by God as a team." Ruth's son, Franklin, runs Samaritan's Purse in Boone.