

BIOGRAPHY

RUTH BELL GRAHAM

- BORN** June 10, 1920
Qingjiang, Kiangsu, China
- PARENTS** L. Nelson Bell (deceased 1973) and
Virginia Leftwich Bell (deceased 1974)
- MARRIED** William (Billy) F. Graham, 1943
- EDUCATION** High school, North Korea (Pyongyang)
Wheaton College, 1943, Wheaton, Illinois
- PUBLISHED** 1959 "Our Christmas Story"
1977 "Sitting by My Laughing Fire"
1982 "It's My Turn"
1989 "The Legacy of a Pack Rat"
1991 "Prodigals and Those Who Love Them" (reprinted in 1999)
1992 "Clouds Are the Dust of His Feet"
1994 "One Wintry Night"
1997 "Coffee and Conversation with Ruth Bell Graham and Gigi
Graham Tchividjian"
1997 "Collected Poems"
1998 "Mothers Together" coauthored with her daughter Gigi
Graham Tchividjian
1999 "Prayers From A Mother's Heart"
2001 "Never Let It End: Poems of a Lifelong Love"
2001 "Footprints of a Pilgrim: The Life and Loves of Ruth Bell
Graham"
2001 "A Quiet Knowing," coauthored with her daughter Gigi
Graham Tchividjian
- CHILDREN** Virginia Leftwich, 1945
Anne Morrow, 1948
Ruth Bell, 1950
William Franklin, III, 1952
Nelson Edman, 1958
- HOBBIES** Gardening, Cooking, Handwork, Reading, Sewing, Embroidery,
Housekeeping
- RESIDENCE** Montreat, North Carolina

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Ruth Bell Graham, wife of Evangelist Billy Graham, was born at Qingjiang, Kiangsu, China, in June 1920, as Ruth McCue Bell, the second of five children. Her parents, Dr. and Mrs. L. Nelson Bell, were medical missionaries at the Presbyterian Hospital 300 miles north of Shanghai. At the age of 13 she was enrolled in high school in Pyongyang, North Korea, where she studied for three years. Ruth completed her high school education at Montreat, North Carolina, while her parents were there on furlough. She graduated from Wheaton College (Illinois).

The Grahams met at Wheaton College and were married in the summer of 1943, shortly after their graduation. Ruth became a minister's wife for a brief period in Western Springs, Illinois. Since then they have made their home in Montreat, North Carolina. The Grahams have five children: Virginia (Gigi), Anne, Ruth, Franklin and Nelson Edman (Ned), nineteen grandchildren, and numerous great grandchildren.

Mrs. Graham is author of "Our Christmas Story," "Sitting by My Laughing Fire," "It's My Turn," "The Legacy of a Pack Rat," "Prodigals and Those Who Love Them," "Clouds Are the Dust of His Feet," "One Wintry Night," "Coffee and Conversation with Ruth Bell Graham and Gigi Graham Tchividjian," "Collected Poems," "Mothers Together," and "Prayers From A Mother's Heart." Mrs. Graham's most recent books published in 2001 are, "Never Let It End: Poems of a Lifelong Love" published by Baker Books, "Footprints of a Pilgrim: The Life and Loves of Ruth Bell Graham," published by Word Publishing and "A Quiet Knowing," published by W Publishing Group.