



Ruby Bell Howard

March 13, 1931 - February 20, 2025

Beloved mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother Ruby Bell Howard passed away on February 20, 2025, at Circle of Life Hospice Home in Bentonville, Arkansas. She was 93.

Born March 13, 1931, to Delmas Earl “Dell” and Leona (Kelley) Rush in southern Washington County, Ruby was an avid gardener, gracious hostess, and lover of bold red clothes and accessories. She grew up among generations of family on the hillsides of Mountain Burg and Winslow and was ever proud to be a Fighting Squirrel. On New Years Eve, 1950, she married Roy Howard. Over the course of their sixty-five years together, they raised three children and countless chickens, cattle, and gardens, building a life centered in Springdale. Upon Roy’s retirement, they enjoyed traveling, amassing a collection of commemorative plates for the walls that never failed to fascinate their grandchildren. They enjoyed years of Saturday night music with their friends at the Little O’Oprey in West Fork and loved hosting gatherings at their home, especially for their anniversary. Her family will miss her strong personality, fierce independence, and her lovely house and yard filled with her beloved plants. Few of them will be able to let noon pass on any major holiday without taking a moment to remember lining up in her kitchen to eat.

Ruby was preceded in death by her husband Roy, parents Dell and Leona

Rush, son Royce Bennett “Sam” Howard, brothers Tommy and Roy Dell Rush, and sister Ann Center.

She is survived by her son Bill Howard and his wife Karen of Bentonville, daughter Patty Walker and her husband Alan of Jay, Oklahoma, granddaughters Becky Howard of Conroe, Texas, and Jenny Callis of Bentonville, grandsons Patrick, Jon, and Shane Walker of Jay, Oklahoma, Andy and Tony Howard of Bentonville, Travis Howard of Helena, Montana, Mitchell Howard of Colorado Springs, Colorado, thirteen great-grandchildren, brother Charles Rush of Fayetteville, sister Linda Bolin of Strang, Oklahoma, and nephew Brad Center of Fayetteville.

A visitation will be held at 10:30am on Tuesday, February 25, 2025, at Sisco Funeral Chapel of Springdale with a funeral service at 11am, officiated by Pastor J.R. Morgan. A short graveside service will immediately follow at Springtown Cemetery in Benton County. Flowers can be sent to Sisco Funeral Chapel, 705 W Meadow Ave, Springdale.

Online condolences accepted at www.siscofuneral.com.

Cemetery Details

Springtown Cemetery

17317 Highway 12
Gentry, AR 72734

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **25**. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Sisco Funeral Chapel
705 W Meadow Ave
Springdale, AR 72764

Funeral Service

FEB **25**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

BB

“ Ruby will be missed- She was good friends of my parents and I know that they will great her with open arms

Barbara Cary Bowman

Barbara Bowman - February 25, 2025 at 07:10 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Ruby Bell Howard.



February 24, 2025 at 10:13 PM

LR

“ Ruby was much loved by many! Her Beautiful smile and caring ways always made a difference! She will be missed!



leah randolph - February 24, 2025 at 05:56 PM

WF

“ With love, Gail Brogdon Dowd and family purchased the Full Heart for the family of Ruby Bell Howard.



With love, Gail Brogdon Dowd and family - February 24, 2025 at 04:23 PM

LN

“ *Linda Necessary purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Ruby Bell Howard.*



Linda Necessary - February 24, 2025 at 03:37 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Ruby Bell Howard.*



February 24, 2025 at 01:30 PM

JC

“ *Ruby was a much-loved part of the Patton family. Roy was a cousin, once removed, and Ruby was loved by my parents, Myrna and Leon Crawford. One of my most cherished memories of Ruby happened in the 60s. She rescued a Collie dog that had mange; after making sure all the mange was gone, she brought him to us on the farm. Back in those days, it took an hour to drive between Roy and Ruby's and our farm. Pete was our first family dog, thanks to Ruby. She was a sweet lady, and I'm glad I have cherished memories of her.*

Joe Crawford - February 24, 2025 at 01:12 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Ruby Bell Howard.* ”



February 24, 2025 at 11:49 AM