



Elizabeth Ann Sprague

November 23, 1946 - September 30, 2025

It is with heavy hearts that the family of Elizabeth “Ann” Sprague shares that she passed away peacefully on September 30, 2025. She was 78 years old.

Ann was born in rural Bolivar, Missouri on November 23, 1946. Her parents were Ralph and Ophie Redman, and her sisters and brothers were June, Fern, Donald, and Jimmy.

She married a preacher named Joe Sprague on April 19, 1963. They spent 62 years together. To this union was born a son, Chris Sprague, whom she loved so dearly.

Ann was a devoted preacher’s wife and lovingly ironed Joe’s many, many shirts that he wore to church and revivals. She was a wonderful homemaker, cook, and seamstress. She was a self-taught professional baker and made many beautiful wedding, birthday, and special occasion cakes for many family members and friends.

She leaves behind a testimony of salvation, and many times shared how the Lord saved her at Campbell Grove Missionary Baptist Church when she was a young girl.

She was a life-long member of Walnut Ridge Missionary Baptist Church in Van, Missouri. She had a lovely singing voice and played the piano hymns so beautifully at Van Church. She was an active member there until her health

failed.

Ann loved her family and church family dearly and sent up many, many prayers on their behalf.

She is survived by her husband, Joe Sprague; son, Chris Sprague and wife Vickie; granddaughter, Kacie, great-grandson, Wes; sister, June Stephens (Ron); brother, Jim Redman (Liz); as well as many nephews, nieces, cousins, dear loved ones, and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ralph and Ophie Redman, sister Fern Carpenter (Bub); brother, Donald Redman; sisters-in-law, Marcella Hill (Don), Loretta Breshears (John), and Barbara Sue Wright (Dale).

She will be lovingly missed but we know for sure that she is in Heaven Above and that we will see her again.

Services for Ann will be held at 10:00 AM Saturday, October 4, 2025, at the Butler Funeral Home in Bolivar. Visitation will take place the night before on Friday, October 3, 2025 from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM at the Butler Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Schofield Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 3. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Butler Funeral Home - Bolivar
407 E. Broadway
Bolivar, MO 65613
(417) 326-5233
<https://butlerfuneralhome.com/>

Funeral Service

OCT 4. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

CS

“ Bro Joe. So sorry to hear of Ann’s passing. From Carolyn Sullivan at Calvary Missionary Baptist church in Hansen, Idaho. Ann made my folks (Thelma and Arcie Sallee’s 50th wedding anniversary cake and it was beautiful!

Carolyn Sullivan - October 05, 2025 at 07:27 PM

PC

“ Shirley, myself and our family were saddened to hear of Ann’s passing.
By her testimony, she’s in a far better Home with Jesus Christ her Saviour.
We all will be praying that the Lord will comfort and enclose each one of Ann’ s
Family in His Merciful Arms.
Praying for you, Joe.

Paul and Shirley Cofer and family

Paul L. Cofer - October 03, 2025 at 11:55 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elizabeth Ann Sprague.



October 02, 2025 at 12:13 PM

CG

“ Clinton & Kelsey Graves purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Elizabeth Ann Sprague.



Clinton & Kelsey Graves - October 01, 2025 at 08:24 PM

SH

“ Steve (and Kathrynne) Holden purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Elizabeth Ann Sprague.



Steve (and Kathrynne) Holden - October 01, 2025 at 06:35 PM

SH

“ Steve (and Kathrynne) Holden planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elizabeth Ann Sprague.

Steve (and Kathrynne) Holden - October 01, 2025 at 06:35 PM

WH

“ Wrights and Harwoods purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Elizabeth Ann Sprague.



Wrights and Harwoods - October 01, 2025 at 06:03 PM

DJ

“ Bro Joe and family do sorry to hear about Ann. May God be with you and comfort you .

Yours Truly Debbie Butler Jackson

Debbie Jackson - October 01, 2025 at 04:03 PM

GE

“ Gamble family (Mark, Beth, Josh, Ethan) purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Elizabeth Ann Sprague.



Gamble family (Mark, Beth, Josh, Ethan) - September 30, 2025 at 08:57 PM

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Gamble family (Mark, Beth, Josh, Ethan) - September 30, 2025 at 08:57 PM

RM

“ Brother Joe, and Brother Chris, I was so saddened to hear that Sister Ann passed away. Know that someday I will be able to see and rejoice with her again because of the time and the place of salvation she spoke of, and because the Lord reached down and spoke peace to me and saved my soul. My prayers, and love are with all the family. Becky Morgan

Rebecca Morgan - September 30, 2025 at 08:50 PM

TH

“ *The family of Don and Marcie Hill purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Elizabeth Ann Sprague.*



The family of Don and Marcie Hill - September 30, 2025 at 08:16 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elizabeth Ann Sprague.*



September 30, 2025 at 06:10 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Elizabeth Ann Sprague.*

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