



## Ruth Ann Ayres

October 12, 1949 - February 18, 2021

Ruth Ann Ayres, 71, of Humansville, Missouri, passed away on Thursday, February 18, 2021.

Ruth Ann was born to parents Harry Gillapsy and Bernice (Cowan) Gillapsy, on October 12, 1949 in Des Moines, Iowa.

Ruth Ann met Gary Ayres in Phoenix, Arizona. They were married January 15, 1977 in Las Vegas, NV. Together they raised 2 children: Megan Calfee and Bethany Ayres.

Ruth Ann demonstrated a loving and practical approach to life. She was often heard expressing that “when life deals lemons, then make lemonade.” Witty with a contagious laugh, Ruth Ann was a feisty woman with a zest for life. She will be fondly remembered as a loving individual with a pet in her lap, a book in her hand, and a smile on her face.

Ruth Ann is survived by Gary Ayres, spouse, Mary Ellen (Roger) Avelar, sister, Megan (Jeremy) Calfee, daughter, Bethany Ayres, daughter. She was loved by her grandchildren whom she adored: Kendrick Calfee, Jessica Mires, Peyton Calfee, James Mires, Alexander Calfee, Natalie Calfee, Caitlyn Mooneyham, Ryan Adamson, Joshua Adamson, Alexander Adamson, Savannah Adamson. Ruth is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews, aunts and uncles, cousins, brothers in law, daughters in law and her mother in law Geraldine Ayres.

Ruth Ann was preceded in death by her parents Harry and Bernice (Cowan) Gillapsy. She was also preceded by granddaughter Rylie Adamson.

A Celebration of Life is scheduled for May 29, 2021 at Rondo Baptist Church, more information will become available closer to the scheduled date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Butler Funeral Home, 407 E. Broadway, Bolivar, MO, 65613. To share condolences online, visit Ruth Ann's obituary on [butlerfuneralhome.com](http://butlerfuneralhome.com).

# Previous Events

## Celebration Of Life

MAY **29** (CT)

Rhondo Baptist Church  
E 340Th Rd  
Rhondo, MO 65650

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ruth Ann Ayres*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *Ruth Ann Ayres*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *So sorry Beth! Your mama was a great lady! ❤️*

**Carolyn** - February 23, 2021 at 10:46 AM



“ *To Gary and the family,*

*I am so sorry to hear of your loss and I want you to know that Ruth Ann will be missed by many people who knew her. She always made me laugh any time I got to be around her and she was such a sweet lady. I pray that God will bring the healing you need and will also give you peace to carry on. I know you won't ever forget her or all the memories you have. I'm sending thoughts and love to you.....*

*Gloria Ayres*

**Gloria Jean Ayres** - February 22, 2021 at 10:39 PM

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“ Gary and family,

*Our hearts go out to you and kids on the loss of Ruth Ann. We pray that all of the family may have peace and comfort during this time. It will always leave a void in your hearts but look to all of the great memories and carry them forward with you. She is free of all pain and suffering. We love all of you. Linda and Richard Wood. And Aunt Mary Lou Ayers*

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**Linda Wood** - February 20, 2021 at 01:49 AM

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*Thank you, Linda*

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**bethany** - February 22, 2021 at 07:05 PM