



Ruth Gunn

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Ruth E. Gunn, 78 of Fayetteville, AR passed away Thursday, June 19, 2003 in Fayetteville. She was born February 17, 1925 in Abilene, KS to Francis Benjamin and Sarah (O'Donnell) Horan. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church and was retired real estate broker. Mrs. Gunn also was the 1st woman President of the Bentonville Chamber of Commerce and the Kansas Women's Amateur Nine Hole Golf Champion in the 60's.

She is survived by six children; Mary Ann Gunn and husband, Michael Mashburn and granddaughter, Sara Christian Gunn, of the home; Barbara Wilson and husband Donald both of Fayetteville, AR; Martha Casey and husband James of Siloam Springs, AR ; Gerard "Jerry" Gunn and wife Carolyn of Maumelle, AR; Gregory Gunn of Lincoln, AR; Peter Gunn and wife Claire of Siloam Springs, AR; one sister; Rita Horan of Abilene, KS. Ruth is also survived by 18 grandchildren, and 14 great grandchildren.

Visitation will be Friday, June 20th at Nelson-Berna Funeral Home from noon until 8:00 PM with a rosary to be recited at 7:00 PM. The family will be present to greet friends from 6:00 PM until 7:00 PM.

A Funeral Mass will be held on Saturday, June 21st at 9:00 AM in St. Joseph Catholic Church in Fayetteville with burial to follow at St. Vincent's Catholic Cemetery in Rogers, AR.

Pallbearers will be Mary Ann Gunn, Barbara Wilson, Martha Casey, Jerry Gunn, Gregory Gunn, and Peter Gunn.

Honorary pallbearers will be Michael Mashburn, Donald Wilson, James Casey, Carolyn Gunn, and Claire Gunn.



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Memorials may be made to Dawn Hill Women's Golf Association Scholarship Fund c/o Julia Bell 12540 S. Hwy. 43 Gentry, AR 72734.

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LS

Lexia Denniston Collier (Neighbor Of Mary Ann Mt. Sequoyah 80'S) posted:

Please accept my condolences. It was just a few weeks ago that I was looking through some old photographs and found some pictures of Christian and Gentry in my Kitchen at 166 Oklahoma way when they were 6 and 7 years old. Gentry is in International studies at the U of A and wants to be an attorney. We buried Mark Denniston on Saturday. He was my first cousin. I hope to see you at his wake. I am in bereavement myself. I also buried his father and my only brother this year. He was a EMS pilot and only 53 years old. I am teaching Gifted/Talented in Bentonville Junior High Schools now and live alone. My heart goes out to you and your family and I remember your Mom as a vibrant person. I'm sure Christian has grown into a beautiful vibrant young lady. I am very proud of you as well. My Love, Lexia Denniston Collier

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BF

Bill And Judy Carter (Friend Of Family) posted:

OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU. WE ARE SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. HAVING LOST BOTH OUR FATHERS IN THE PAST TWO YEARS, WE KNOW THE DEEP HURT YOU ARE FEELING NOW. DEAR THOUGHTS OF YOUR MOM WILL ALWAYS BE WITH YOU AND WILL MAKE YOUR SORROW EASIER TO DEAL WITH AS TIME PASSES. AGAIN, WE ARE SO SORRY FOR YOUR GRIEF. LOVE CHARLES AND LINDA RHODES

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MA

Mervin Buchenau (Barb's Classmate Ahs) posted:

Barb, I have many good memories of your mother and the various post school gatherings at your home, such as after class plays. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Mervin

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MF

Mike Walters (Friends) posted:

Mike and Mary Ann: Ruthie is, and always will be, dear to me. I will cherish all the fond memories....right down to the pickled asparagus which my family truly enjoyed! Please know that she is now at peace and not suffering any longer. You two, and all of Ruthie's children and grandchildren, are in our prayers and thoughts. Take care of yourselves through this difficult time. I love you both as family. kel :)

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MF

Mary Jane Kenary (Old Family Friend) posted:

Mary Ann, Martha, Bobbie, Jerry, Pete, and Gregory, Your Mamma was indeed a pistol. Know what I remember? She respected you, her children, and all your friends, and took time to know us. She also didn't mind one little bit if the kids made mudpies on the Cadillac--which I'm sure we did, among other things at your house! She had her feet on the ground. She had a great laugh, and such warmth in her eyes. She also managed to get you guys to do all the laundry (and there was tons, wasn't there) while she went out and played golf. Now there's a clever Mom...My love to you all, Mary Jane (Shurson) Kenary, 'blue eyes' to you

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TF

The Barber Family posted:

Mary Ann, we were sorry to hear of the loss of your mother. We are thinking of you and Mike and the family.

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JA

Joyce Norwood Kennedy (Admirer) posted:

The first time I remember meeting Ruth she walked through Mary Ann's kitchen door looking like a movie star with a white hat, tanned body, a golf club in her hand, and an engaging smile. I recall this vividly because Ruth was the first "mother" I'd ever met who played golf. Ruth was a devoted family person who always held her children close and inspired them to follow their ambitions. Ruth was a cherished mother and a kind person. That's the way I'll always remember her.

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MC

Marie Clark (Senior Democrat) (Client) posted:

"Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God has prepared for them that love Him."--1 Cor. 2:9

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BC

Bill And Evelyn Brabston (Mary Ann, Mike And Christian) posted:

So sorry to hear about your mother. Our prayers are will you all during this time in your lives.

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Skip Lauver (Friend) posted:

Judge Gunn and Ms. Wilson, I send my thoughts and prayers. You mother had to be a great woman, look at the two wonderful Ladies she raised. Respectfully, Skip LauVer

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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Ruth by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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