



Ruby Ann Rose Bailey

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Ruby Ann Rose Bailey, 80, passed away peacefully, with her husband at her side, on December 1, 2021, at the Willard Walk Hospice House, Fayetteville, AR. She was born June 12, 1941, at Birmingham, AL, to the late Pauline Tuggle Rose and Chesley Eugene Rose.

She is survived by her husband, Dennis Lee Bailey, and her daughters, Eva Leana Bailey Houston, and her husband, John Thomas Houston, of Fayetteville, AR, and Rebecca Jane Bailey Schneringer, and her husband, James Lee Schneringer, of Bentonville, AR. In addition, she is survived by her brother, Harry Eugene Rose, of Piedmont, AL, his wife, Katherine Maxine Rose, and daughter, Jacquelyn Harianne Rose, Jacksonville, AL. Other survivors include grandchildren, Benjamin Thomas Houston, Fayetteville, AR, Mary Rose Houston, Springfield, MO, Sarah Bailey Schneringer, Davidson, NC, and Anna Claire Schneringer, Bentonville, AR. She married her husband, Dennis, on June 6, 1964, at Central Church of Christ, Birmingham, AL, with William E. Threet, officiating, and at her death she and her husband had celebrated over 57 years of marriage.

In 1959 she graduated from West End High School, Birmingham, AL. Afterwards she attended Birmingham-Southern College, and in 1963 she graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Spanish from David Lipscomb College, Nashville, TN. In 1983 she earned a Master of Science in Education from the University of Arkansas. She taught Spanish at Banks High School, Birmingham, AL, Urbana High School, Urbana, IL, Sidney Lanier High School, Montgomery, AL, and Norman High School, Norman, OK.

When she moved with her family to Fayetteville in 1971, she sought interviews with the hope of teaching Spanish. After she was asked to explain what Spanish was, she abandoned that goal. The interviewer remarked about having never heard of Spanish before. With time for graduate school, she taught remedial reading at Greenland Public Schools, and then she joined the Boston Mountain Education Cooperative, where she became coordinator for writing and administering federal grants with public schools within much of the northwest quadrant of the state of Arkansas.



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With BMEC colleagues at her side, she regularly entered chicken processing plants at all shifts to interview Hispanic parents in order to register children in area schools. She also set up tables at blueberry farms at 5:30 in the morning to interview migrant parents, register their children, and distribute gifts of basic necessities for school. Traveling from Gentry to Mountain Home, Omaha, and Jasper, and including the larger school districts, she maintained a regular schedule of visiting with teachers and administrators to oversee grant uses. Through her efforts and with those of her colleagues in the BMEC, she worked to secure millions in federal funds for schools to employ in teaching migrant school children.

She was a faithful member of First United Presbyterian Church, Fayetteville, AR where she taught younger children in Sunday church school. Throughout her life, she was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and friend to many people. Even in her last moments, she possessed a fine sense of humor that was always supportive and affirming and never critical of other people. She had a clear understanding of educational organizations, and people often sought her advice and guidance with challenges they faced.

A memorial service will be held on Monday, December 13, 2021, at 2:00 pm at First United Presbyterian Church, Fayetteville. Any memorial donation may be directed to the library fund at FUPC, 695 E. Calvin Street, Fayetteville, AR 72703.




Events


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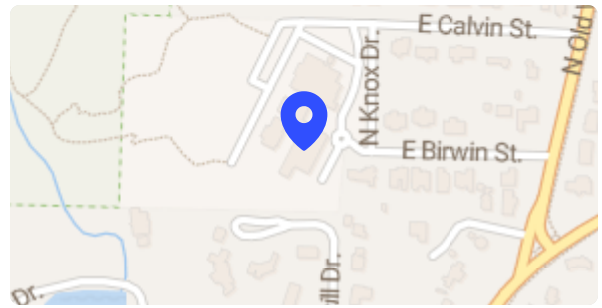
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Memorial Service

 **Monday**, December 13, 2021

 2:00 PM CT

 **First United Presbyterian Church**
695 East Calvin Street, Fayetteville AR





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Bill Walsh posted:

Sending our prayers and sympathy to Dennis and the family. Ann was a very sweet and gracious lady. Bill and Kathy Walsh

December 14 at 10:24 AM



Myria Allen lit a candle in honor of Ruby.

Ann was a loving gracious woman. I was inspired by the work she did in the community and by her kind heart. I always looked forward to visiting with her at faculty family gatherings. Dennis-sending you warm hugs during this sad time.
Myria Allen



December 13 at 5:41 AM



Communication Department Friends sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Bailey family.



December 13 at 3:09 AM



Anonymous sent a Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet to the Bailey family.



December 12 at 4:14 PM



Carolyn Crider posted:

Sending all of you our love and prayers. Ann was a special woman with so many talents. She loved all of you so very much and I know how much she will be missed. In friendship, Marion and Carolyn Crider

December 12 at 2:49 PM



Dorothee Mecum posted:

We will miss Ann's lovely smile brightening the neighborhood and the kindness and care she always gave. Our hearts are with you in love and sadness for your loss. —Dot, Gideon & Benny

December 11 at 11:28 AM



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Geniece Yates posted:

I'm sorry to say I didn't know Mrs Bailey well, but I know Dennis and Leanna and how much they loved and respected her. My thoughts are with all the family now in your time of grief. But you'll always have wonderful stories about and traditions from your wife and Mom. Peace be with you all!

December 7 at 8:05 AM



Lindsley Smith December 13 at 6:28 AM

She was absolute sweetness and will be so missed, but will always be present in our hearts. We send love to Dennis and the family. Lindsley Smith



Debbie Wagoner December 8 at 4:04 PM

Ann, a remarkable woman who is leaving a lasting legacy. Praying for you all. Debbie and Darrell Wagoner



Memories only last if you share them

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



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