



Ruth Ayres (Humansville)

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, Nevada. Together they raised two 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 her husband, Gary Ayres; 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) Gillaspy. She was also preceded by her 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.

To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of Ruth Ann Ayres please visit our [Sympathy Store](#).

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“Staff at The Library Station were saddened to hear of the passing of Mrs. Ayres. We will always remember her. Over the last ten years that she had a card with the Springfield-Greene County Library, there was hardly a time she didn't have an item--or multiple items--waiting for her on the hold shelf. Many times she would come into Springfield to pick up holds only to be notified later in the day that more items had arrived. She was an avid reader. During her time with us, Ruth checked out over 3,000 items. In addition to the many items she found within our library district, Ruth also made great use of our Interlibrary Loan services. She was full of spunk and would enjoy talking to the staff about some of her favorite reads. It will be a sad reminder not having holds on the shelf for Ruth. We will really miss her. Sending condolences for your loss. Best regards, Library Station Staff.”



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