



Ruby Katherine Butler

August 7, 1944 - July 8, 2025

Ruby Katherine Butler, 80, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by family on July 8, 2025. She was born in Shamrock, TX, on August 7, 1944, to Harold Barnett and Emma M. (Newkirk) Barnett. Kathy married the love of her life, Lynch Butler, on October 29, 1982.

Kathy was a sweet, gentle, vibrant, generous, funny, and caring person. She was never one to speak badly about another person, and she had a giving heart. This kindness was a part of who she was, and it also stemmed from her faith and relationship with God. Kathy was an active member in the choir at Harvard Avenue Baptist, now known as Covenant Church, as well as the Bible Study Fellowship. Kathy loved being involved at her church and encouraging others to get involved as well.

Kathy also enjoyed singing, fishing, golfing, cooking, and traveling with her husband, especially to Israel and Africa. Above all, Kathy loved spending time with her family, particularly her grandchildren. Kathy was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, daughter, sister, aunt, and friend. Although her time on earth is at an end, her memory will forever live on in the hearts of those who were lucky enough to know her and love her.

She is preceded in death by her parents, sisters, Janice Elson Perez and Virginia Lee Summers, and brother, John Hall Barnett.

She is survived by her loving husband of 42 years, Lynch Butler; children, Perry Mason (Karen), Penny Renner (Kevin), Brent Butler (Ronda), Laurie Geurin (Paul), and Steve Butler (Stephanie); brothers, David Barnett (Leslie)

and Matthew Barnett (Cathy); grandchildren, Kathryn Hackett-Hill (Austin), Blayne Hill (Jacque), Dustin Butler (Hilary), Austin Butler (Mandy), Dillon Butler (Nikki), Avery Miller (Macey), Morgan Miller, Cade Miller (Emma), Amanda Nokes (Spencer), and Miranda Comer (Adam); and great-grandchildren, Rosemary Hackett-Hill, Thomas Eli Hill, Shelby Butler, Jackson Butler, Sadie Butler, Crew Butler, Emmie Butler, Hayden Butler, Trace Butler, Hallie Miller, Mila Nokes, and Sophie Nokes.

A visitation will be held at Covenant Church on Friday, July 11, 2025, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. The funeral service will follow the visitation, beginning at 2:00 p.m. Burial will be at Fairmount Cemetery.

Honored to be pallbearers are grandsons: Blayne Hill, Dustin Butler, Austin Butler, Dillon Butler, Avery Miller, Cade Miller, Austin Hackett, and Spencer Nokes.

To honor Kathy's life, donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Association at <https://www.alz.org/get-involved-now/donate> or mailed to P.O. Box 96011, Washington, DC 20090-6011.

Cemetery Details

Fairmount Cemetery

Fairmount Cemetery
Gentry, AR

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 11. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Covenant Church
760 S. Lincoln St.
Siloam Springs, AR 72761

Funeral Service

JUL 11. 2:00 PM (CT)

Covenant Church
760 S. Lincoln St.
Siloam Springs, AR 72761

Burial

JUL 11 (CT)

Fairmount Cemetery
Fairmount Cemetery
Gentry, AR

Tribute Wall



“ *Our family is so sorry to hear of such great loss. Please accept our most sincere condolences.* ”



Mike Freels - July 18, 2025 at 08:24 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to family 🙏
Dr and Mrs. Jackie L Smith* ”

Dr Jackie Smith - July 12, 2025 at 07:46 PM



“ *Plants-A-Plenty was purchased for the family of
Ruby Katherine Butler.* ”



July 10, 2025 at 09:16 PM



“ *I met Kathy in 1972, shortly after I married her brother David. Kathy was warm and welcoming to me joining the family. Although we've never lived near Kathy, through the years our relationship drew closer. She was a wonderful funny, caring person, and I feel privileged to have known her and loved her.* ”

Leslee Barnett - July 10, 2025 at 07:34 PM

RL

I am so sorry for the loss of your beloved wife! Praying for comfort and strength as you face the these difficult days

Ruth Lowe - July 11, 2025 at 01:03 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ruby Katherine Butler.

July 10, 2025 at 01:06 PM



“ Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Ruby Katherine Butler.



July 10, 2025 at 01:06 PM

KD

“ Karen Davis lit a candle in memory of Ruby Butler



Karen Davis - July 10, 2025 at 01:03 PM



“ Pink & White Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Ruby Katherine Butler.



July 10, 2025 at 11:31 AM

RM

“ Robbie, Anna, and Cooper Myers purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Ruby Katherine Butler.



Robbie, Anna, and Cooper Myers - July 10, 2025 at 09:38 AM

MW

“ Maxine Walker and Daniel Walker planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ruby Katherine Butler.

Maxine Walker and Daniel Walker - July 10, 2025 at 07:36 AM

MW

“ Maxine Walker and Daniel Walker purchased the Healing Tears - Lavender and White for the family of Ruby Katherine Butler.



Maxine Walker and Daniel Walker - July 10, 2025 at 07:36 AM



“ Simply Lily was purchased for the family of Ruby Katherine Butler.



July 10, 2025 at 01:07 AM

TB

“ *Tammy Rutherford Boles lit a candle in memory of Ruby Butler*



Tammy Rutherford Boles - July 09, 2025 at 05:07 PM

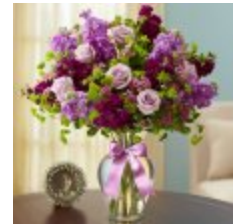


“ *What a joy whenever I got to spend a little time with Kathy. She was always interested in what was going on in my life and wanted to hear about it. She loved her family ferociously and her eyes sparkled when she spoke of them. I'll miss her ray of sunshine but know that she is with her Savior now. Until we meet again sweet lady. Love and prayers, Deb Oliver*

Debra Cope Oliver - July 09, 2025 at 04:15 PM



“ *Shades of Purple was purchased for the family of Ruby Katherine Butler.*



July 09, 2025 at 03:17 PM