



Ruby Marie (Baker) Byfield

April 11, 1944 - January 28, 2026

Ruby Marie (Baker) Byfield, born April 11, 1944, in Dent County, Missouri, entered her Heavenly Home January 28, 2026, in Springfield, Missouri, at the age of eighty-one years.

Ruby was one of eleven children born to Elijah and Lelia (Wilcox) Baker. On September 15, 1961, she was united in marriage to the love of her life, Richard Ray Byfield. They shared sixty-one years of marriage and lasting memories before his passing October 23, 2022. This union blessed them with six children: Ruth, Rita, Dedie, Richard Jr., Rebecca, and Roger.

Ruby was a dedicated farm wife and homemaker. She loved the outdoors, enjoyed gardening and tending to her flower beds and roses. She was a talented seamstress, embroider, and crocheter whose hands crafted countless beautiful creations including quilts, clothing, and keepsakes that are treasured by her family. In her spare time, she enjoyed reading.

Above all her family and faith were most important to her. She loved to take family vacations, often visiting Colorado, Yellowstone, and the Royal Gorge. Her grandchildren and great-grandchildren brought her great joy and she treasured spending time with them. Ruby was a Proverbs Thirty-One woman and her faith in the Lord was evident to those around her. She was a longtime member of Victor Baptist Church where she taught Sunday School and helped

with Vacation Bible School for many years.

Ruby is survived by her loving children: Ruth Campbell and husband Mike of Strafford, MO, Rita Whitehouse and husband Robert of Salem, MO, Dedie Wilson and husband Mike of Licking, MO, Richard Byfield and wife Kristen of St. James, MO, and Rebecca Maxey of St. Charles, MO; siblings: Geneva Counts, Jimmy Baker and wife Delene, Norma McGuirk and husband John, and Gene Baker; grandchildren: Bryan Campbell and Karen, Matthew Campbell and Hilary, Zach Whitehouse, Brady Whitehouse, Joshua Campbell and Kara, Dustin Whitehouse and Carolyn, Abbi Martin and Wade, Scott Byfield and Rachel, Breanna Ward and Cody, Aaron Wilson and Shay, Christian Maxey, Nathan Wilson and Ripleigh, Josie Steelman and Tyler, Delaney Smith and Charles, Ryder Byfield and Maddie Stamer; great-grandchildren: Caleb, Kate, Allyson, Ean, Nora, Malachi, Adalie, Ruby, Henry, Penelope, Winston, Theodore, Clementine, Benjamin, Lucille, Tallulah, Eli, Aurora, Jax, Luna, Audrey, Ella, Westin, Roselyn, Everly, Lillian, Boone, Beau, Knox, Nova, Luke, Noah, Beau, Haley, Hadley, Kayson, Ronin, Jackson, Linkon, and Stella; as well as several nieces, nephews, other relatives and dear friends.

Preceding her in death were her loving husband: Richard Byfield; son: Roger Byfield; parents: Elijah and Lelia (Wilcox) Baker; sister: Bonnie Baker; brothers: Carl Baker, Don Baker, Bobby Baker, Dale Baker, and Irvin Baker.

One of her greatest pleasures in life was being her family's "biggest cheerleader", trusted advisor, and protector, who frequently praised their accomplishments. Her legacy will live on in those who loved her most. Ruby will be forever missed.

Funeral Services were held February 2, 2026, at Victor Baptist Church with Brady Whitehouse and Matthew Campbell officiating. Additional speakers

were Zach, Bryan, and Kate. Burial was in the Carty Cemetery. The Family was served by Wilson Mortuary.

Memorial Contributions may be made in memory of Ruby Byfield to Victor Baptist Church and left with Wilson Mortuary. Memorial Envelopes will be available.

Leave the family a condolence on her tribute page at www.wilsonmortuary.com

Cemetery Details

Carty Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 1. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

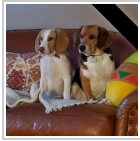
Wilson Mortuary - Salem
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Funeral Service

FEB 2. 11:00 AM.

Victor Baptist Church

Tribute Wall



“ *Richard - Rebecca - Dede - Family - Please accept my sincerest condolences for the recent loss of your beautiful mother and don't forget on the hardest days ahead on this earth to reminisce the wonderful memories for years to come you cherished with her as this is being sent with my deepest sympathy to you all Sincerely Patti Whitaker- family*



Patricia Whitaker - Yesterday at 07:13 PM



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Wilson Mortuary - February 03 at 04:45 PM

MG

Beautiful tribute to a wonderful woman. I enjoyed having Ruby as my neighbor. God bless you all. ~ Monica Gott

Monica Gott - February 20 at 11:12 AM

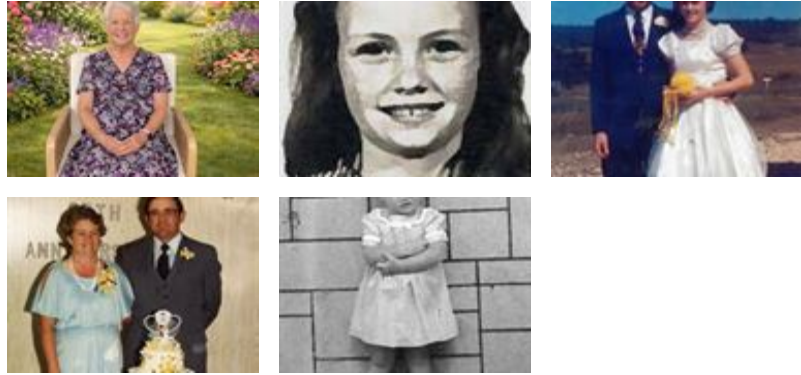
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“ *Prayers for your family. Not only did I know and loved them, but I had the great pleasure of seeing their love for one another, your mom was ill and your dad was there everyday with her. Blessings for them both, for now they will be together again in heaven.*

Ed/Toni - February 03 at 07:06 AM



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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ruby Marie (Baker) Byfield.



January 31 at 04:26 PM



“ Eric & Lorie Steen purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Ruby Marie (Baker) Byfield.



Eric & Lorie Steen - January 31 at 11:59 AM



“ many fond memories of our early days

Mary Lou Baker - January 30 at 07:57 PM

JJ

“ We were so sorry to see this. Our sympathies to the whole family. They raised very nice, respectful children. I know I had Rita and maybe all of their children in school. I so respect them for giving a good home to foster kids even adopting at least one. We went to church with them. Richard and Ruby lived out their Christian life and were the salt of the earth the Bible speaks of. They and their positive influence will be missed greatly missed.

Jo jnnblackwell@gmail.com - January 28 at 05:48 PM

KF

“ My sympathies to her family. I knew Ruby back in the 70s when she and Richard served as foster parents for me, fostering a number of children. Ruby was always so sweet and kind to the children including her own, being one of the finest foster moms.

Karen L Fowler - January 28 at 05:19 PM

CB

“ My heart goes out to all of the family. She was a wonderful person. So many memories from my childhood. God bless you. Ci dy

Cindy Counts, Barnett - January 28 at 04:15 PM

NL

So sorry for your loss, praying for all the family.

Norma Love - January 28 at 09:47 PM