



Mary Ruth Townsend

September 12, 1946 - August 28, 2023

Mary Ruth Townsend, 76, of Wildwood, GA, went home to be with her Lord and Savior on Monday, August 28, 2023 in a local hospital.

Mrs. Townsend was a 1966 graduate of Central High School and was a member of the Rising Fawn Baptist Church. She worked as a cosmetologist for over 60 years, and was known as the ex officio "Mayor of Wildwood." She was a loving and caring mother, & grandmother "Mimi" to her grandchildren. Mary Ruth was preceded in death by her husband, Patrick D. Townsend, Sr., daughter-in-law, Lisa Townsend, and parents, Robert "Bob" and Bonnie Jones Butts.

Left to cherish her memory are her children, Patrick "Don" Townsend of Wildwood, & Rebecca (Phillip) Johnson of Hixson, TN; grandchildren, Aaron Patrick Johnson & Elizabeth Anne "Beth" Johnson; daughter, Tonya (Donnie) Mantooth, Summerville, SC; several cousins also survive.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, August 31st at 1:00 p.m. at Rising Fawn Baptist Church with Rev. Tommy Crider, Rev. Robby Dunn, & Rev. Chris Dover officiating. She will be laid to rest at Lakewood Memory Gardens, West in Lookout Valley.

Expressions of sympathy may be shared at ryanfuneralhome.net. Mary Ruth loved to read God's Holy word and she loved cats. Please consider contributions in her memory to the Tri-State Humane Society, P.O. Box 715, Trenton, GA 30752 or The Gideon's International, P.O. Box 1309, Trenton, GA 30752.

The family will receive friends on Wednesday from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the funeral home and Thursday from 11:00 a.m. until the funeral hour at Rising Fawn Baptist Church.

Arrangements are under the direction of Ryan Funeral Home & Crematory, Trenton, GA.

Cemetery Details

Lakewood Memory Gardens, West

3509 Cummings Rd
Chattanooga, TN 37419
(423) 894-4206

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 30. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Ryan Funeral Home and Crematory
11415 S Main St
PO Box 506
Trenton, GA 30752
(706) 657-7525
steven.ryan@ryanfuneralhome.net
<https://www.ryanfuneralhome.net/>

Visitation

AUG 31. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Rising Fawn Baptist Church
4411 Highway 11
Rising Fawn, GA 30738
(706) 462-2126
<http://risingfawnbaptist.com>

Service

AUG 31. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Rising Fawn, GA 30738
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Tribute Wall

DY

“ I am joyed Mary so much keeping up over the years I remember my trip to Canada where I met her—she was so much fun and interesting. I only wish I could have gone to Wildwood for a visit. Rebecca, I am so sorry.



Dr. Marilyn Young - November 12, 2023 at 06:52 PM

RT

Thank you Dr. Young. We truly enjoyed your company on our trip to Canada. Mom enjoyed reading your Christmas letter each year to see what you had been up to.

Rebecca Townsend - January 08, 2024 at 09:12 PM



“ Mary Ruth Townsend

October 09, 2023 at 03:12 AM

MH

“ Growing up in Wildwood, I was around Mary Ruth from as far back as I can remember. Whenever I am at my old home place, I think of her and other fond memories when I pass her white house on the hill. She was always very kind to me. I recall that she had a lot of energy and passion for life.

My condolences to her adult kids, Don and Becky. Plus, other family and friends.

With Love,
Marianne Hoosier

Marianne Hoosier - August 31, 2023 at 08:42 PM

RJ

Thank you Marianne!

Rebecca Townsend Johnson - September 01, 2023 at 04:18 PM

RC

“ *Don, that was a wonderful and beautiful ceremony for your mother. You did a wonderful job speaking. God Bless you and your families.* ”

Ronnie Cartwright - August 31, 2023 at 05:02 PM

MO

“ *Loved Mary Ruth, an extended part of my family. Now she and mom are together again.* ”



Melinda Owens - August 31, 2023 at 11:58 AM

RJ

Thank you Melinda, I had the same thought.

Rebecca Townsend Johnson - September 01, 2023 at 04:19 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mary Ruth Townsend.* ”



August 31, 2023 at 09:03 AM

JR

“ I grew up around Mary Ruth, going to church, visiting with her. Growing up with her I always thought of her as family. She's always been just a wonderful person! It's not even real to me yet. I miss you and love you always.



Jessica Ripper - August 30, 2023 at 05:44 PM

RJ

Jessica, thank you for the sweet message.

Rebecca Townsend Johnson - September 01, 2023 at 04:13 PM

BS

“ Your mom was a mess! I never say her when she wasn't laughing and cutting up. My deepest sympathies go out to y'all.uch love and prayers.

Brenda Steele - August 30, 2023 at 04:38 PM

RJ

Thank you Brenda!

Rebecca Townsend Johnson - September 01, 2023 at 04:14 PM



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Ryan Funeral Home - August 30, 2023 at 04:23 PM



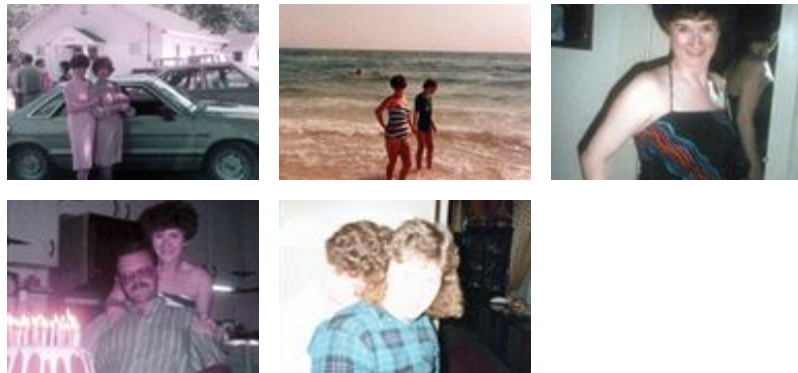
“ *Lavender Reflections Spray* was purchased for the family of *Mary Ruth Townsend*.



August 30, 2023 at 12:01 PM



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Ryan Funeral Home - August 30, 2023 at 11:26 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Ruth Townsend.*



August 30, 2023 at 10:25 AM



“ *Jo & Denis, Jean and Phyllis & Dennis purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mary Ruth Townsend.*



Jo & Denis, Jean and Phyllis & Dennis - August 30, 2023 at 09:33 AM



“ *So Sad to hear the Home Going of this sweet lady our Thoughts and Prayers are with her family,Go Rest High on that Mountain sweet lady Lisa Hicks Defur*

Lisa Defur - August 30, 2023 at 07:15 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Ruth Townsend.*



August 30, 2023 at 04:09 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Ruth Townsend.



August 29, 2023 at 08:20 PM



“ Mary Ruth was a rare and unique jewel in God’s kingdom on earth sharing love and hope to one and all. She will be dearly missed. Our prayers are with her family and loved ones. Betty Raines Chapman. LV



Betty Raines Chapman - August 29, 2023 at 06:51 PM



“ Carey lit a candle in memory of Mary Townsend



Carey - August 29, 2023 at 04:49 PM



Rest in perfect peace 🕊️ You will truly be missed. Thanks for the memories ❤️

Glenda Sue Chubb Sparks - August 30, 2023 at 12:59 PM

CA

“ *Mary Ruth was such a spunky woman! Amelia Claire, Atticus and I greatly enjoyed spending time with her and talking with her on the phone. There was never a dull moment in conversation when Mary Ruth was involved. She will be greatly missed. P.S. - She would be happy with the obituary photo you selected; her makeup is flawless! ;)*

Carey - August 29, 2023 at 04:49 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mary Ruth Townsend.*



August 29, 2023 at 04:49 PM