



Mary Ruth Wilkerson

February 12, 1943 - December 4, 2025

Mary Ruth Wilkerson, age 82, of Urbana, Missouri, entered eternal rest on Thursday, December 4, 2025, at Colonial Springs Healthcare Facility in Buffalo, Missouri.

Mary Ruth was born on February 12, 1943, in Dallas County to the late Frank and Ruby (Patton) Linton. She grew up traveling the country with her family, as her father was a missionary preacher. Ruth was saved as a young girl; she continued to be faithful her entire life.

On July 15, 1961, Ruth was united in marriage to Robert Wilkerson. To this union, three children were born: Benton, Matthew, and Melissa. Ruth was a homemaker on the farm, raising her beloved family. She enjoyed gardening and family history. She was the family historian, gathering innumerable information about her genealogy. Ruth also worked for a short time at H&R Block.

Ruth was preceded by her parents, husband, and daughter Melissa Trader. She is survived by her sons, Benton Wilkerson (Juli), Matthew Wilkerson (Donna), grandchildren Miki Wilkerson (Stephanie), Kirsti Saultz (Chandler), Keeli Bryan (Jeremiah), Taylor Keller (Lucas), Bailey Brown, Noah Brown, Ethan Brown (Bree), Nash Wilkerson, Sam Wilkerson, Douglas Trader (Elizabeth), and Jacqueline Courtney (James), great grandchildren, Konner

Saultz, Kreed Saultz, Kinsley Saultz, Michael Bryan, Russel Bryan, Jayla Green, Kaylee Coates, Daylen Courtney, Adalyne Courtney, Natalie Trader, and Nora Trader.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are asked to be given to Howard Chapel Cemetery.

Graveside service is scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on Monday, December 8, 2025, at Howard Chapel Cemetery in Urbana, Missouri with Eric Otterness officiating.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of Cantlon-Otterness & Viets Funeral Home, Buffalo, Missouri.

Cemetery Details

Howard Chapel Cemetery

Rd
Urbana, MO 65767

Previous Events

Graveside Service

DEC 8. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Jayedee Molinaro planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Ruth Wilkerson.

Jayedee Molinaro - December 06, 2025 at 02:12 AM

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“ *Last time Ida, Alecia and I were in Urbana, Ruth took us around to the old home places, and both nearby graveyards where relatives were buried. Sweet lady. Fond memories Dennis Reid oldest grandson of Lloyd and Jewell Thomas*

dennis t reid - December 05, 2025 at 09:55 PM

MW

“ *Aunt Ruth will be missed she was a wonderfully lady my condolences to the family*

mike wilson - December 05, 2025 at 03:25 PM