



## Ruth M. Upchurch

September 2, 1938 - June 11, 2023

Ruth M. Upchurch, 84, Topeka, Kansas, passed away on Sunday June 11, 2023.

Anna “Ruth” was born in Salem, Arkansas on September 2, 1938, the daughter of Henry E. and Anna M. (“Mae”) Myers. She attended school in Salem until she and her family moved to Kansas City, Missouri where she eventually graduated from Northeast High School. She began working at Western Electric in Kansas City and went on to marry Emery Cox. After her divorce, she married James “Darrell” Upchurch and remained together until his death in 2001. During their marriage, they lived in Kansas City, Missouri; Omaha, Nebraska; Albuquerque, New Mexico; Norman, Oklahoma; Excelsior Springs, Missouri; Water Valley, Mississippi; Topeka; Greenwood, Indiana; Hillsboro, Oregon. After the passing of Darrell, she eventually moved back to Topeka.

Ruth and Darrell became active in their church, beginning in Greenwood. After returning to Topeka, Ruth began attending Covenant Baptist Church. She went on to become a member of the Christian Motorcycle Association with the friends she made within the church. She eventually succumbed to the effects of Alzheimer’s and spent the last nine years at The Gardens at Aldersgate. Ruth is survived by her children, Harold, Estacada, Oregon and Curtis (Polly), Topeka; seven grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren; two sisters; and

one brother. She was preceded in death by her husband, Darrell, son Henry, and three sisters.

Visitation will be 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday, June 15, 2023, at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home at 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614. She will then be transported to Oregon to lay in rest with her husband on a hill overlooking a lush valley.

In lieu of flowers or other gifts, memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, and sent in care of the funeral home.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **15**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ruth M. Upchurch* ”



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**Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - June 16, 2023 at 03:00 PM**