



Ruby Mayo Irwin

December 27, 1921 - June 11, 2018

Ruby Mayo Irwin was born December 27, 1921, in Pollard, Arkansas, to John A. Mayo and Sidney Edwards Mayo. She passed away June 11, 2018 in Memphis, Tennessee at the age of 96.

She married George W. Irwin, Jr. on February 14, 1942, and they were married for 53 years until his death in April, 1995.

George and Ruby moved to Forrest City, Arkansas, in 1950 when he was transferred with the Arkansas State Police. He later joined the St. Francis County Sheriff's Department and served as chief deputy sheriff and jailer. They moved into the jail with their two sons where Ruby prepared meals for the inmates.

Ruby later went to work for the Department of Agriculture at the Agricultural Conservation and Stabilization office where she worked closely with many of the farmers in St. Francis County. Upon her retirement there, George and Ruby opened Ruby's Flowers and Gifts. They later sold that business and really retired.

They were long time members of the First Baptist Church in Forrest City where they both taught Sunday School classes. Ruby was also active in the Order of Eastern Star and was a founding member of the Young Married

Women's Home Demonstration Club.

Ruby was an accomplished quilter and started teaching quilting classes in 1995 at the church and also at East Arkansas Community College. The quilts made by the church group were donated to several charitable organizations in the area. The group also held an annual quilt sale with proceeds donated to Arkansas missions.

Ruby is survived by her two sons; James Irwin (Betty) of Bakersfield, California and Mike Irwin (Patsy) of Memphis, Tennessee. She leaves two grandchildren; John Irwin of Memphis, Tennessee and Laura Dillion (Mike) of Fort Collins, Colorado, and two great-grandchildren; Sadie and Cashlin Dillion of Fort Collins.

Services for Mrs. Irwin will be held at Stevens Funeral Home Chapel, 10:00 A.M., Thursday. Visitation will be 9:00 A.M., Thursday, until the time of the service. A graveside service will be held, 2:00 P.M., Thursday, at the New Hope Cemetery in Pollard, Arkansas. Stevens Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church, 507 N. Rosser, Forrest City, Arkansas, 72335. You may log on to stevensfuneralhome.net for the on line registry.

Cemetery Details

New Hope Cemetery

Pollard, AR

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 14. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Stevens Funeral Home
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Funeral Service

JUN 14. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Graveside Service

JUN 14. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Aunt Ruby, as we called her, will be missed. She was a great lady, friend, and wonderful example for Lynne and me. We so loved her and ‘Uncle George’. Her life was well lived. Wish I could hug her neck again. So sorry Mike and Jim and families.

Sharon Perry - June 19, 2018 at 11:47 PM