



## Ruby Bailey France

July 3, 1925 - June 2, 2018

France, Ruby Bailey-92 of Strawberry Plains, was granted her request by the Lord to be taken Home to Heaven on Saturday, June 2, 2018, one month before her 93rd birthday. She was at Life Care Nursing Home in Jefferson City. She was the oldest living member of Holston Baptist Church. Ruby retired from Standard Knitting Mills after 40 years. She loved to laugh and have a good time. She was one of thirteen children born to Sam and Shina Bailey. She is preceded in death by her husband, Gurge France; son, Gary France; parents, Sam and Shina Bailey; loving step-mother, Mae Bailey; sisters, Maudie Trent Moore, Bertha Workman, Zora Tipton; brothers, Marvin, and J. R. Bailey, and five infant siblings. She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Linda (Roger) Maples; grandson, Jason (Tanya) France; granddaughter, Raven Maples; great grandchildren; Graeson and Gretchan France; daughter-in-law Faye France; sisters, Mary Ballinger and Betty (Howard) Phipps and numerous nieces, nephews and friends. Special niece and traveling companion on bus trips, Grace Wilson. Thanks to Grace Wilson and Ray Diamond who were always faithful to eat holiday meals with Ruby at Life Care. Honorary Flower Girl; Gretchan France. Pallbearers: Greg France, Eric France, Scott Rines, Jim Shell, Bob Oglesby and Robert Dockery. Honorary Pallbearers; Graeson France, and men from Sonshiners at Holston. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Holston Baptist Church, Sonshiners (Senior Citizens), P. O. Box 520, Strawberry Plains, TN 37871. The family would like to thank the staff and all employees that lovingly

cared for Ruby during her stay at Life Care Center. Words can't express our appreciation for the care and compassion shown to our loved one during her three-year stay with you. Special thanks to Amedisys Hospice Care for helping make the past two weeks easier on Ruby and her family. We appreciate each of you for the loving care you provided during this difficult time. Funeral service 6:00 pm Tuesday, June 5, 2018 at Fielden Chapel officiated by her long time friend, Rev. John Mills. Pastor Toby Downey will be closing in prayer. Interment at Eastview Memorial Gardens on Wednesday, June 6, 2018, at 1:00 pm with Rev. John Mills officiating. The family will receive friends Tuesday from 4:00-6:00 pm prior to the service at Fielden Funeral Home in New Market. [www.fieldenfuneralhome.com](http://www.fieldenfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Eastview Memorial Gardens

1320 Andrew Johnson Hwy  
Strawberry Plains, TN 37871

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 5. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Fielden Funeral Home Inc.  
910 Churchview St  
New Market, TN 37820  
(865) 475-3468  
<https://www.fieldenfuneralhome.com>

## Service

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## Graveside Service

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JUN 6. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Dearest Aunt Ruby:*

*Going home (to be with Jesus) is the ultimate home going. But when I was a little girl, going home meant a vacation to Strawberry Plains to see you. I remember swinging in your front yard, rocking on your carport and having hamburgers and homemade ice cream. I loved being at your house.*

*You gave me the gift of love in my favorite cousin, your one and only daughter, Linda. What better gift could anyone receive (other than salvation in Jesus)!*

*Please say hello to Uncle Gurge and Gary! Dance with the angels around God's throne and I'll see you soon!*

*Love,  
Sharon*

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**Sharon Minks** - June 05, 2018 at 09:49 PM



“ *Aunt Ruby's place was always home away from home whenever we traveled to Knoxville/Strawberry Plains. There were cokes and homemade ice cream under the carport, homegrown tomatoes and the BEST green beans this side of the Mississippi in the kitchen, Jergens (original scent) hand lotion in the bathroom, and knee slapping laughter in the living room. She lived and served well and will always be a source of fond memories in my heart of hearts! Her niece, Monica Phipps Kirby*

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**Monica Kirby** - June 05, 2018 at 02:13 PM

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“ Ruby was a living example to me and so many others of a Christian she laughed when it was needed Cried when it was needed Always put The Lord first I could see The Holy Spirit living in her! Rejoice Ruby! You are Home!!!

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**Carol mccann** - June 04, 2018 at 08:06 AM

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“ My sweet sister, I know you're with JESUS and walking the streets of gold and I rejoice!! There are so many fun memories of our time together and I shall treasure them with a smile on my face, and and a tear in my eye. I LOVE YOU SIS!! 😊😭❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️

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**Betty Phipps** - June 03, 2018 at 10:48 PM