



## Ruth Fern Karr

November 15, 1932 - April 6, 2019

Ruth Fern (Wilson) Karr of Rolla, Missouri passed away on Saturday, April 6, 2019 at the age of 86. She was one of twelve children born to the late John and Elizabeth (Williams) Wilson on November 15, 1932 in Flat, Missouri.

Ruth loved cooking, caring for others and spending time outdoors. She was always very proud of her flower and vegetable gardens. She was a devoted Christian and long time member of the Life Line Baptist Church. She loved to sing and had the voice of an angel. She was a loving mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend whose heart of gold will be missed by all that knew and loved her.

Ruth is survived by her children, Phyllis Sherrell of Rolla, Missouri and Bill (Kathy) Heavin of Salem, Missouri; sisters, Rachel and Hazel; half-sister, Lavesta; seven grandchildren, fourteen great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild; a host of nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

In addition to her parents, Ruth was preceded in death by her husband Floyd Karr, three brothers, three sisters and one half sister.

Funeral services for Ruth Karr will be held at 1:00PM on Wednesday, April 10, 2019 at the Rolla Chapel of the James and Gahr Mortuary with Richard Miller officiating. Interment will be in the Brookshire Cemetery. A visitation for family and friends will be held prior to the service from 11:00AM until service time at 1:00PM also at the Rolla Chapel of the James and Gahr Mortuary, Rolla, Missouri. For online condolences please visit <http://www.jamesgahrmortuary.com>

# Cemetery

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## Brookshire Cemetery

MO, Rolla

# Events

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**APR** **Visitation** 11:00AM - 01:00PM

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James & Gahr Mortuary - Rolla  
1651 E. Hwy 72, Rolla, MO, US, 65401

**APR** **Service** 01:00PM

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# Comments

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“ A very special woman of God. The angels are singing with her today. It was a blessing to know and love her. Pastor Dennis and Gail Husted



Dennis Husted - April 11, 2019 at 08:37 PM

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“ Ruth was my hero and my lifeline 35 years ago when I was just 5 years old. My Mom was having a panic attack but never having experienced one before, thought she was having a heart attack. She said, "I have to get out of here right now" and grabbed me by the arm and next thing I knew we were flying down the highway to Ruth's house. By the time we got there she was unable to walk so Ruth and her husband carried her into the house. Realizing the severity of the situation they decided to take her to the hospital. I was absolutely terrified and felt hopeless. This episode in addition to the constant stress I endured in the war zone at home had wore me down to the point of exhaustion. I broke down to my Aunt Ruth that night while my Mom was in the hospital. Sobbing I told her everything, things I had never divulged to anyone else. I told her that I was terrified and what would I do if X, Y, or Z were to happen? What would become of me? Where would I live? She took me by the hands and said, "Listen to me very carefully, if anything like this or anything bad ever happens again, you pick up the phone and dial zero. When the operator answers, tell her that you need Ruth Fern Patterson. If you call, I will be there faster than you can blink. You don't need to be scared anymore. If something bad happens, you'll come live with me. Stop worrying kiddo, everything will be ok, I will be there anytime you need me. I took her word as gospel. I repeated it over and over until I memorized every word. A weight was lifted off of me. I still had to endure frightening things, but I had a lifeline. It was always in the back of my mind when things would get scary, Dial zero, ask for Ruth Fern Patterson, and she will come. She will never know just how big of an impact she had on my life. Before her, I had no one to turn to. Ruth will always be my hero. My Mom always said, "Bless her heart, Ruth would give the shirt off of her back if she thought someone needed it.". Well done Aunt Ruth. You practiced many fine works and were a faithful servant. You stored up your treasures in Heaven, instead of on Earth. Now you get to reap your glorious reward! I will never forget the kindness you showed me in a very difficult time. I love you forever and always!

Amanda Keitzer - April 10, 2019 at 03:30 PM



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**Charles Wilson** - April 10, 2019 at 11:24 AM

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“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ruth Fern Karr.



April 09, 2019 at 08:59 AM