



Ruth Sylva (House) Hays

February 9, 1945 - March 4, 2026

Ruth Sylva (House) Hays, 81, of Judsonia, passed from this life on Wednesday, March 4, 2026 peacefully at her home. She was born February 9, 1945 in Rapid City, South Dakota, a daughter of the late Clifford Earl and Cassie (Collins) House. Ruth was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend. She loved gardening, fishing, camping, Montana mountains, and spending time with her family. She was known for her infectious laugh and beautiful smile. She and her husband, worked side by side for many years in property management, and she was also a beautician. Growing up the daughter of a minister, she had great faith, and loved to sing gospel music with her 10 brothers and sisters in gatherings and at church. She had a love for dance (ballet, tap and jazz) through her granddaughters and great-grandsons' stage performances every year. Little did she realize that the end of her journey here on earth would bring her children back together with a closeness like never before. The warmth and love of her joyous smile and hugs will never be forgotten.

She is survived by her husband, Dennis, of 32 years, 5 children, Jeff (Cece), Jerry (Diana), Alan (Katherine), Barbie (David), and Ted; 2 sisters, Doris and Becky (Rick); Grandchildren; Evan, Brandyn, Calvin, Mat, Megan, Jamie, Charles Alan, Kaitlyn, Kourtney, Angela, Mikey, Cassie, Alley, Alex and Meadow, as well as 19 Great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, 3 brothers, Charles, Ralph and David, 5 sisters, Audrey, Judy, Muriel (Jean), Bernice and Kathleen.

There will be a "Going Home" visitation held on Sunday, March 15, 2026 from 2-4 p.m. at Powell Funeral Home with cremation to follow.

The visitation will be livestreamed beginning at 2:00 p.m. at www.powellfuneralhome.net.

Arrangements are entrusted to Powell Funeral Home, Bald Knob – Judsonia.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 15. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Webcast in memory of Ruth Sylva (House) Hays



Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services - March 15 at 01:14 PM

PE

Rip Aunt Ruth! You are dearly missed. 💔💔💔😞

Patrick Ewer - March 15 at 05:23 PM

BW

Mom looked like Sleeping Beauty. She was so beautiful. ❤️🌹

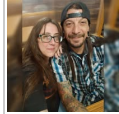
Barbie Wools - March 17 at 11:34 AM



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Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services - March 13 at 12:32 PM



I'll see you again someday Aunt Ruth..until then you'll forever remain in my heart & I'll cherish the memories we made.I love you! ❤️ -Brenda.

Brenda Strachan - March 15 at 04:28 PM

DC

“ *David & Barbara Childs purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Ruth Sylva (House) Hays.*



David & Barbara Childs - March 10 at 09:32 AM

BW

“ *I'm going to miss our coffee times, jokes and laughing with you. Mom, go dance among the Angels... we love you to the moon and back.*



Barbie W. - March 09 at 09:58 PM

RB

Thank you Ruth for being a Sister-in-Law for over 50 years. During that time we spent a lot of time fishing, having BBQ's, and having good family times together. You are going to be missed immensely.

Rich Blackaby - March 11 at 01:15 PM

BB

Rest In Peace Ruth. I miss you very much. Thank you for being a wonderful Sister. I'm grateful for all the wonderful memories shared while growing up. Looking forward to our Heavenly Reunion some day. Say "Hi" to everyone there. God Bless.

Becky (House) Blackaby - March 11 at 01:21 PM