



Vida Ruth Russell

May 9, 1931 - June 1, 2025

Vida Ruth Gallaher Russell peacefully passed away at home, June 1, 2025 at the age of 94. Born on May 9, 1931 to John Henry and Minnie Iris Smith Gallaher.

Vida was born in Oak Ridge where her family lived in the Wheat area until they moved to Kingston in the 1940's where she lived her life. She retired from Roane Hosiery Mill after 35 years and took care of numerous family members throughout her life.

She was a member of Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church where she was a faithful servant until her health declined. Her most enjoyable time was being with her grandchildren and gardening.

Preceded in death by her parents: John and Minnie Gallaher

Husband of 46 years, Horace Russell

Brothers: Frank, Tommie, Burton, Edward, and Charlie.

Sisters: Reece, Jean, Lucy and Virgie.

Survived by:

Son: Dennis Russell and wife Tammi of Kingston

Daughter: Connie Schrimpsheer and husband Rick of Kingston

Grandchildren: Jennifer and Jeff Underwood, Russell Schrimpsheer and Austin,

Jody Russell and Kristie, Haley Silvey, Rikki and Ted Howard.

Great-grandchildren: Corbin, Karlee, Brynlee, Perry, Alli, Jax, Wade, Logan, Taryn and Tim Phillips, Jacie and Logan Roberts.

Great, great-grandchildren: Joah, Emerson, and Grayson, along with a host of nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 4, 2025 at Kyker Funeral Home of Kingston. Funeral at 1:00 p.m. in the Kyker Chapel with Reverend Ronnie Nickell officiating. Burial will follow at Kingston Memorial Gardens. Kyker Funeral Home of Kingston is serving the Russell Family.

Pallbearers: Russell Schrimpsheer, Jody Russell, Corbin Silvey, Perry Howard, Ted Howard, Austin Mink and Jeff Underwood.

Previous Events

Vistiation

JUN 4. 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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Kingston, TN 37763
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Funeral Service

JUN 4. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Burial

JUN 4 (ET)

Kingston Memorial Gardens
123 Oak Drive
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Tribute Wall



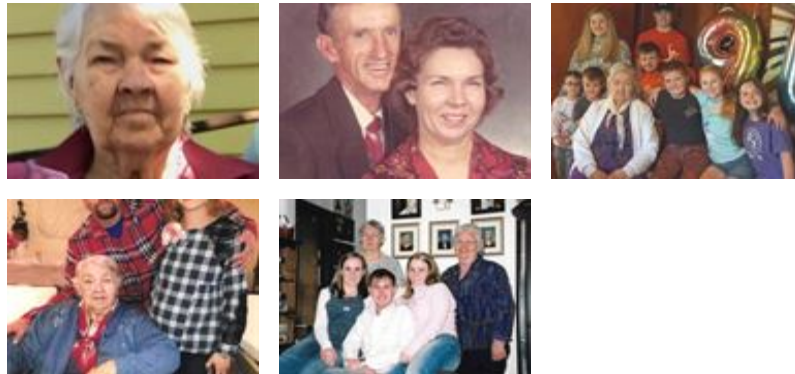
“ *Kyker Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Vida Ruth Russell*



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“ As a child I loved going and seeing and sometimes staying a few nights with Aunt Vida Ruth and Uncle Horace. Aunt Vida Ruth was always the kindest and sweetest person to me and it was always a treat staying with them. Sending my condolences to Dennis and Connie and families. Such great childhood memories.

Terri Massengill-Comer - June 02, 2025 at 09:03 PM

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“ Growing up, her and Horace were a great inspiration to what you should be in life. I'm sure she is having a grand time with Uncle Horace. I'll never forget them. Charles Gallaher

Charles Gallaher - June 02, 2025 at 03:17 PM