



Ruth Ann Sommerville Townsend

July 31, 1944 - November 4, 2021

Ruth Ann Sommerville Townsend, 77 of Barboursville, WV passed away, Thursday, November 4, 2021 at Huntington Health and Rehabilitation Center, Huntington, WV. She was born July 31, 1944 in Vienna, WV the daughter of the late Howard Hoy and Ruth Elizabeth McDowell-Sommerville. In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by husband, John N. Townsend; her sisters and brothers-in-law; Mary Frances Sommerville-Harman (Laird), Betty Jo Sommerville-Kimble (George) of Ceredo WV and her daughter-in-law: Shellye Ann Horn-Townsend. She was a graduate of Marshall University where she also worked as an office assistant. She was an Avon representative for many years and a survey researcher for Alliance Research/SRBI in Huntington, WV. She was a member of Pea Ridge United Methodist Church where she sang in the choir and was a member of the handbell choir, and then later was a member of Christ Temple Church in Huntington WV. She is survived by her son, Douglas B. Townsend of Cincinnati OH; brother and sister-in-law, William H. Sommerville (Freda) of Barboursville WV and several nieces, nephews, and cousins. Funeral services will be conducted at 11:00 AM on Friday at Henson and Kitchen Mortuary 6357 E. Pea Ridge Rd. Huntington, WV near Barboursville with Pastor Keith Watters officiating. Burial will follow where she will be laid to rest beside her husband in White Chapel Memorial Gardens, Barboursville, WV. The family will receive friends from 6-8 PM on Thursday, November 11, 2021 at Henson and Kitchen Mortuary, Huntington, WV. Online condolences and memories

may be shared with the family by visiting www.hensonandkitchen.com

Cemetery Details

White Chapel Memorial Gardens

Route 60 East
Barboursville, WV 25504

Previous Events

Visitation - Following COVID-19 Guidelines

NOV 11. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Henson and Kitchen Mortuary and Cremation Services
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Tribute Wall



“ *Henson & Kitchen Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Ruth Ann Sommerville Townsend*



Henson and Kitchen Mortuary and Cremation Services - November 11, 2021 at 11:21 AM



“ *Ruth Ann Sommerville Townsend*

October 23, 2023 at 01:49 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of Ruth Anns passing. We send our Condolences We mowed Ruths lawn for the past 16 years and she was a loyal customer*
Sincerely, Grassbusters Lawn Care

GRASSBUSTERS - November 12, 2021 at 03:54 PM

BB

“*Ruth Ann and I shared a love for nature. We both liked hiking in the woods. We talked of walking around the Barboursville lake as that was probably all we could handle now. She loved the beauty of nature. If I recall correctly she seemed to love covered bridges. She was always posting on Facebook some beautiful pictures of where she had previously been.*

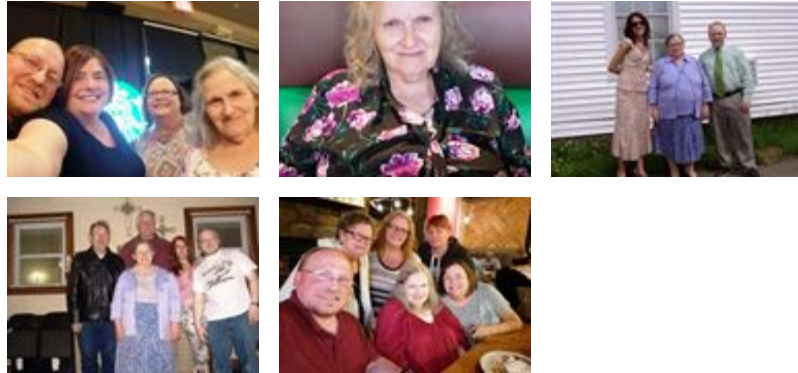
Ruth Ann loved attending the Christ Temple Church luncheons and trips. I remember once she was told by her doctor that she couldn't do the trips anymore and Ruth Ann was not happy about that.

I believe she attended just about every luncheon that the seniors had. She enjoyed seeing everybody and socializing with them. When the facebook group for the seniors started last year Ruth Ann became an avid active member. She often liked the deep posts and not just the ones that were quick to read. She was there just about everyday to read and like the posts that she read. I could always count on Ruth Ann liking the same in-depth posts that I enjoyed too. It was Ruth Ann's disappearance from the facebook group that told me something was wrong. Contacting her dear friend and companion Christi Higginbotham told me just how wrong things were. I will forever remember Ruth Ann and will miss her presence from our luncheons and trips and her daily presence in the facebook group that revealed her love for the deep things of God. She is with Jesus now enjoying the beauty that God has created. From her friend Barbara Berk

Barbara Berk - November 12, 2021 at 09:33 AM



“ 14 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Henson and Kitchen Mortuary and Cremation Services - November 11, 2021 at 11:20 AM

PS

“ *Doug, Herb and I are very sorry for your loss. Your Mom and my Mom was an Avon Rep. At the same time. They attended several Avon meetings together. Your Mom was a very sweet lady that always had a smile on her face. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. Paula and Herb Seay*



Paula Seay - November 11, 2021 at 08:37 AM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Ruth Ann Sommerville Townsend.*



November 10, 2021 at 10:58 AM

AK

“ Ruth Ann and John took me on a picnic when I was a kid. I remember them carving a heart on a tree with their initials inside. Every time I came to visit, Ruth Ann was always smiling and just enjoying her family.

Amie King-Vandersluis - November 08, 2021 at 04:56 PM

AF

“ Amie King-Vandersluis and Family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Ruth Ann Sommerville Townsend.



Amie King-Vandersluis and Family - November 08, 2021 at 04:45 PM

SH

“ Dear Doug,
I was so sad to hear of your mom's passing. She was a wonderful lady and Arlene and I were always glad to see her when we were in town. May fond memories of your mom bring you comfort during this difficult and sad time. My heart and prayers go out to you and your family.



Sheila Horn - November 08, 2021 at 11:52 AM

JF

“ Janet Fraley lit a candle in memory of Ruth Ann Sommerville Townsend



janet fraley - November 04, 2021 at 08:54 PM