



## Mary Grace Ryder

March 23, 1930 - June 21, 2016

Mary Grace Merritt Ryder, born March 23, 1930, entered her eternal home with Jesus Christ on Tuesday, June 21, 2016. Her unwavering faith in God and the love and prayers of family and friends carried her through the struggle with Alzheimer's Disease. Known for her cooking skills, and an open, welcoming home, she won the love, respect and trust of all who knew her. She worshiped her Lord and Savior at Gardendale's First Baptist Church, where she leaves behind many loving friends. She was retired from Jefferson County School Systems, where she joyfully worked in the Gardendale High School Lunch Room for many years. She was a member of Gardendale Chapter No. 531 of the Order of the Eastern Star. She was preceded in death by her husband of 64 years, James (Bud) Ryder. She is survived by her daughters; Pattie Ray (Ivan), Kathy Duncan (Marc), and son, Larry Ryder (Sharon), along with six grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. Her love, strength and guidance were a Godly example to all that knew and loved her. Visitation will be Saturday, June 25, 2016, between 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. with the funeral service to follow at 12:30 p.m. at The New Gardendale Funeral Home. Burial will be in Oakwood Memorial Gardens.

# Cemetery Details

## Oakwood Memorial Gardens

2100 Moncrief Rd  
Gardendale, AL 35071

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JUN 25.** 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

Gardendale Heritage Funeral Home  
2214 Decatur Highway  
Gardendale, AL 35071  
(205) 631-8810  
gardendalefuneralhome2@gmail.com

## Funeral Service

**JUN 25.** 12:30 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ To Mr. and Ms. Ray. I am very sorry for your loss. I have known you all for nearly 40 years and I look up to both of you with the utmost respect. Our yearbook staff of 1981 got to know you personally when you and Mr. Ray chaperoned us to yearbook camp. You are both very dear people and I know that your mom was dear to you. May God give you peace during your heartbreaking time and you will continue to make your mom proud as you have always done. Please let me know if me and my family can do anything for your family during this difficult time. May God Bless your Entire family!!!!  
Greg Jones

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**Greg Jones** - June 22, 2016 at 12:49 PM

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“ Carole Merritt purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Mary Grace Ryder.



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**Carole Merritt** - June 21, 2016 at 09:14 PM