



Ruby Fay "Mammaw" Mires

December 19, 1926 - June 1, 2022

Ruby Fay "Mammaw" Mires was born December 19, 1926 in Jacksonville, TX to Otho B. and Bonnie Mae Thompson McElyea and peacefully passed from this life on June 1, 2022 in DeSoto, TX.

On that day in December, Ruby Fay McElyea struggled for her first few breaths, but for the next 95 years, Ruby Fay Mires did it her way. Fay, as she liked to be called, left home at 16 and waitressed in Waco until she moved back to Jacksonville to live and work in a home-based hospital. Some of her most wonderful memories were of her life as a nurse.

She moved to Dallas during WW II, working at Proctor and Gamble. Her best friend, Virginia Gray, introduced Fay to her brother, Earl Mires. She liked to brag, "As soon as I saw that man, I knew I was going to marry him!" And she did on January 25, 1946.

She and Earl had a long, loving life together with their family...fishing, hunting, camping, playing games and family events. MANY heartwarming memories of birthdays, Easters, Thanksgivings, Christmases and more remain happy thoughts with our family, extended family, and friends even today.

Mam was a fantastic cook! She even authored and published her own cookbook, 'Fay's Fine Country Cookin'. Her other passions included making

beautiful crocheted gifts, working challenging crossword puzzles, reading romance novels, coloring detailed pictures and watching reruns of game shows on TV.

After Earl died, her faith in God became even stronger and more important to her. She continued to enjoy the close companionship of everyone in the family until her passing.

We say goodbye, Mammaw...We love you...

She was preceded in death by her parents and her sister, Teenie Gray.

Fay is survived by her children, Sharon Overley and husband Gary, Gary Mires and wife Kathy, Stephen Mires and wife Cheryl; her grandchildren, Darci Gueta and husband Oscar, Zac Mires and wife Pam, Lindsey Mostler and husband James, Macey Reeves and husband Brady, Haley Del Castillo and husband Tony, and Dustin Mires; her great-grandchildren, Bailey Gueta, Kylie Gueta, Abby Reeves, Noah Mires, Myah Mires, Sebastian Del Castillo, Zoey Fay Del Castillo, and Tyler Mostler (due 8-5); her siblings, Lewie McElyea and wife Wanda, Shirley Smith and husband James; and her extended family, Janet and Buddy Coffey, Mickey Tucker, Mackensie Cody & Katelyn Tucker.

Family will receive friends from 11:00am to 12:00pm on Tuesday, June 7, 2022 at Byrum Funeral Home Chapel. A celebration of Fay's life will begin at 12:00pm in the chapel following visitation.

Cemetery Details

Restland Memorial Park

13005 Greenville Avenue
Dallas, TX 75243

Tribute Wall

BL

“ I am so sorry for ur loss of Mamma. .while visiting with her at the Nursing Home she was always so sweet to me. .I know she will be missed and I know she loved each and every one of u. .

Beth Lentz - June 06, 2022 at 11:45 PM

LW

“ Love - Friends at Maddox Metal Works purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Ruby Fay "Mammaw" Mires.



Love - Friends at Maddox Metal Works - June 06, 2022 at 10:54 AM

AK

“ I have childhood memories of Ms. Fay but more are of Sunday mornings at First Baptist Church of Lancaster where she would always have a funny story or joke or brain teaser to tell before we went to our classes. She was such a presence.



Anita (Nolan) Killingsworth - June 06, 2022 at 10:08 AM

CW

“ Chuck and Cindy Waldrop purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Ruby Fay "Mammaw" Mires.



Chuck and Cindy Waldrop - June 05, 2022 at 04:39 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ruby Fay "Mammaw" Mires.*



June 04, 2022 at 11:14 AM



“ *Ms. Mires was full of stories, fun, and laughter. She loved her family and shared them through all her pictures. Will miss her and the family. Regina Rideaux, Five Points Nursing and Rehabilitation DeSoto!*

Regina Rideaux - June 03, 2022 at 06:58 PM



I am so sorry to hear about Faye's passing. She was a great friend & best friends with my Mom, Lena O'Neill. I know their reunion must have been amazing. They loved each other & the Lord. Please know that we loved Faye & are so sorry to hear she has passed but know she is Heaven now with no pain. Betty Jo Westhelle

Betty Westhelle - April 26, 2023 at 09:26 PM



“ *Sharon, I think I met your mother one time. I know that she must have been a very special mother because she raised you to be such a thoughtful, caring person with an upbeat can do attitude. I always enjoyed being around you, Carla, and Karen at LHS. Condolences to you and your family. Dianne McBride Allen*

Dianne Allen - June 03, 2022 at 06:11 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Ruby Fay "Mammaw" Mires.



June 03, 2022 at 03:36 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Ruby Fay "Mammaw" Mires.



June 03, 2022 at 02:33 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray* was purchased for the family of Ruby Fay "Mammaw" Mires.



June 03, 2022 at 12:47 PM

HA

“ *Mammaw showed me how to love and for that I am forever grateful. She loved everyone she met and made everyone a part of her family. She taught me so many life lessons and constantly kept me going. Through the hardest of times, she never gave up on me. Some of my fondest memories revolve around her. She was a guiding light for me and I have no doubt she will continue to do so. She loved my babies more than anything. They were a shining light in her life and I am forever grateful for the time she got to spend with them.*

I am grateful for the 34 years I had with her and selfishly, I wish it had been more. But I will always cherish the beautiful times we had together because there were so many. The strongest and most beautiful woman I have ever known. I love you and deeply miss you Mammaw.

Haley - June 03, 2022 at 12:15 PM

KM

“ *Fay Mires was my mother-in-law for 47 years. I told her she was my other mother. As a young bride she helped me with her knowledge about everything. She helped always with my children. We did vacations as a family. She and my daughter Macey have remained close for many years. Macey has been a constant caregiver to her. Life holds a myriad of memories, all of them wonderful. She raised a wonderful son who had been my husband and rock. She will be missed but I know she is with Jesus in heaven and that is a great comfort. She has gone home to Earl and the others waiting for her return. GOD bless you my sweet other mother.*

kathy mires - June 03, 2022 at 10:35 AM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Ruby Fay "Mammaw" Mires.*



June 03, 2022 at 10:26 AM



“ *My Mother was always there for me and my friends as Mothers of that age were.
She always loved her Church and her ability to be a light to others.
Mother is at peace now in the hands of God.
I celebrate her life with my faith that she instilled in me by her example.
Rejoice! Gary*

gary mires - June 03, 2022 at 10:24 AM



“ *A Fond Farewell Casket Spray was purchased for the family of Ruby Fay "Mammaw" Mires.*



June 03, 2022 at 09:41 AM