



## Mrs. Ruby Nell Burnett

April 13, 1942 - January 13, 2025

Nell passed away on January 13th after a long battle with dementia.

She was born on April 13, 1942, in Webster, North Carolina and lived there before moving to Haywood County, North Carolina. While living in Haywood County she met Donald Burnett and they were married on January 24, 1959. Not long after they were married Don was offered a job with Martin Marietta at the Kennedy Space Center and they moved to Brevard County, Florida. Nell had four children Cathleen, Doug, Jan and Carole. Her first job was as a stay-at-home mom and she was very busy raising her children and was also very involved with all of the activities they participated in. She was a wonderful cook and always made every birthday special. She learned from her mother how to make the best red velvet cakes and always had one ready for every birthday celebration. During the times when her children were involved in sports she was often the team mother. She also volunteered at the Church where she attended leading Sunday school classes and she loved helping wherever she was needed.

She loved the outdoors and you could often see her caring for her flowers and working in the garden alongside Don. She loved to go on walks and enjoyed walks on the beach and picking up seashells. She also loved traveling to see family that lived in North Georgia and Western North Carolina, but most of all she loved her family and devoted her life to making sure they were cared for.

When her children were old enough and didn't need her total supervision, she started a career as a Title 1 Teacher at Saturn and Fairglen Elementary Schools. This was not surprising because it involved helping kids. She just loved helping people and had such a kind heart and such a sweet attitude.

Nell is predeceased by her Father Arthur, Mother Thelma, Brother Ray, Brother Harold, Sister Frances and Grandchild Ryon. She is survived by Brother Roy, Children Cathleen Burnett Broadus (Pat), Doug Burnett (Lisa), Jan Burnett and Carole Gilbert (David); 6 Grandchildren Emilie Gilbert, Travis Burnett, Cassidy Burnett, Taylor Hartin (Lee) Kyle Burnett (Valerie) and Lane Burnett (Morgan); and 15 Great Grandchildren Ryon Rabello Jr; Aubrey Rabello, Jordyn Humphrey, Javari Humphrey, Jace Footman, Nakiya Smith, Kano Smith, Will Hartin, Cooper Hartin, Samuel Hartin, Bentley Burnett, Marissa Wilson, Brianna Wilson, Nova Burnett, and Wesley Burnett.

Nell's service will be held on February 2, at 3:00 P.M. at Banana River Baptist Church, 6250 N Courtnay Parkway, Merritt Island Florida 32953.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

FEB 2. 3:00 PM (ET)

Banana River Baptist Church  
6250 N Courtenay Pkwy  
Merritt Island, FL 32953  
(321) 877-1086

# Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Ruby Nell Burnett.*



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February 01, 2025 at 01:33 PM



“ *Bob and Jane Morhard purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Ruby Nell Burnett.*



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**Bob and Jane Morhard** - January 30, 2025 at 08:06 PM



“ *Ruby always had a smile and was glad to see Bill and I anytime we met at Doug and Lisa's house. She always bragged on anything Doug and Lisa cooked and laughingly said they were almost as good a cook as she was!*

*I only knew her for a few years, but wished I had known her longer. Her warm personality made you want to hear about where she grew up. She talked about North Carolina and how much she loved the hills. She loved her family and was quick to tell you she stayed busy and loved her flowers and working in her yard. The last time we got to visit was Christmas Day and we were both glad to see each other. She was full of happy smiles and asked where we had been. We will miss her smiling face and can almost see her smiling at Don and asking him where he had been. Bill and Jan Johnson*

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**Jan Johnson** - January 30, 2025 at 04:23 PM

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“ *Kim & Amanda purchased the Beautiful Heart Bo  
uquet for the family of Mrs. Ruby Nell Burnett.*



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**Kim & Amanda** - January 30, 2025 at 10:11 AM