



Ruby Eva Deal

April 12, 2024

Ruby Eva Deal, 82, a resident of Wellington, Colorado, passed away on Friday, April 12, 2024 at her home after a long battle with dementia and Alzheimer's.

Ruby was born on October 27, 1941 in Fruita, Colorado to Sam Otero and Helen Vallejos Otero. She had two sisters, Betty and Rosie; and one brother, Billy.

She always spoke fondly of her childhood in Fruita, where she had lots of friends and excelled in school. Ruby was able to graduate from high school with honors while helping to take care of her beloved mother, Helen, who passed away from breast cancer at age 40 that same year. Ruby also attended Mesa College in Grand Junction.

Ruby married Dallas Ruark in 1961 and they had three children; Jana, Michael and Larry. She was a pastor's wife for many years at churches in North Dakota, New Mexico, Texas and Colorado. Ruby never backed down from a challenge and could completely transform a house into a home with her knack for decorating and excellent sewing skills. She was also a great cook and made the best fried chicken until, in her later years, she declared she was "going on strike!". She was happy sitting in her recliner with a cold Coke and her Sudoku book, listening to "her boyfriend" George Strait or

watching the Broncos or the Rockies (when they were good). She was a huge sports fan.

Ruby worked in the insurance industry for many years as a Customer Service Manager for various companies in the Denver Metro area. She loved to work and the more problems she had to tackle, the better. She was employed into her 70's and met her late husband, Bill Deal, when he drove through her line at the bank where she was a teller. Eventually, sparks flew and, since George was already taken, they married on June 29, 2019.

Ruby is survived by her children; Jana, Michael and Larry Ruark; four grandchildren; Lara Ruark, Ryan Ruark, Michael Ruark, and Brynna Ruark Schouten; and one great granddaughter, Ruby Ava Marie Castellon. She is also survived by her sister, Rose Buskirk; many nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends, including her best friends; Mary Martinez and Nancy Ferguson.

In addition to her parents and beloved husband, Bill, Ruby was preceded in death by her sister, Betty Green; and her brother, Billy Otero.

One of her favorite hymns was "Blessed Assurance", and she held on to that assurance her whole life, come what may. She loved God with all her heart and was a blessing and a comfort to so many, even if it was only to smile her beautiful smile. Her loyalty to God, her family and her friends was steadfast and unwavering.

Mom, Mama, Nanny, Great Grandma, Sister, Aunt, Cousin and Friend, we will miss you and love you always.

2 Corinthians 1:3-4

Romans 8:28

Ruby's ashes will be buried next to her mother at the New Elmwood Cemetery in Fruita, Colorado. A Celebration of Life will be planned for a later date.

Memorial donations may be made to: Dementia Together at dementiatogether.org or sent to:

Dementia Together, 4025 Automation Way, Ste. F-2, Fort Collins, Colorado 80525 in memory of Ruby Ruark Deal.

Tribute Wall

JR

“ <https://www.facebook.com/share/r/15ug6zLEmg/>

Jana Ruark - August 03, 2025 at 12:08 PM

JR

“ *I love and miss you, Mom.*

https://youtu.be/G7B2_RYZVjs?si=aReySI0IHkBgslfN

Jana Ruark - November 15, 2024 at 01:28 AM

JR

“ *Dear Mom,*

I've had a little while to step back and reflect on what an incredible honor it was to serve and care for you these last few years of your life. It was the hardest and the most rewarding thing I have ever done or will ever do here on this earth, aside from accepting Jesus as my personal Savior. It took me out of my "self" and my life will never be the same. I had a front row seat to the agony and despair of your dementia journey, but I also had a front row seat to watch a precious and beautiful human being allow God and the Holy Spirit to carry her each day in a supernatural and anointed way. It was truly amazing. I believe your loving faith was a gift that you gave us to help us go on without you because you knew that we'd be a little lost. We are, but we're okay because you made sure of that before you left us. Thank you for loving me in the very best way. It's a privilege and an honor to be yours.

Love, Jana

Jana Ruark - May 22, 2024 at 02:01 AM

MR

“ *My Mother was the most honest and best person, I have ever known. She was one of a kind, so caring and strong. I learned everything from her. I love you always Mom.*

Michael Ruark - May 08, 2024 at 07:39 PM

MS

“ *My dearest Ruby/mamma.
You were the best mother-in-law a girl could have asked for.
I will miss your smile and your wonderful cooking. Heaven has gained another angel.
Be well Ruby and rest easy. ❤️❤️🕊️*

maria satriano - May 07, 2024 at 05:13 PM