



Ruby Alice Atherton

July 3, 1935 - June 24, 2025

Ruby Alice Atherton, 89, passed away late Tuesday morning, June 24, 2025. She was born on July 3, 1935 to Fred and Lena (Wagner) Patterson.

Ruby was preceded in death by her husband, Louis Atherton, both of her parents; siblings Norma Stewart, Robert Patterson, James Patterson, Patty Messick; and son-in-law Vincent Gould. She is survived by her children Sheryl Atherton, David Atherton (Pamela), Nancy Atherton and Susan Gould; grandchildren Christina (Chris), Alex (Becca), Maggie, Emily (Devan), Derek (Shayla) and Erin; great grandchildren Gabe, Jacob, Hazel, Onyx, Evelene, Jaxton, Lainey, Maeve and Daniel; sisters-in-law Sue Patterson, Susan L. Patterson, and Doris Ranck; honorary sister Barbara Messer; and many loving nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Ruby graduated from Wyandotte High School in May 1953. She married Louis on May 26, 1956. Ruby spent most of her younger years raising her four children. It was important for her to be a room mother, join PTA, and participate in her children's extracurricular activities. As the children grew older, she went to work at Roeland Park State Bank. Louis' job took them to various Kansas locations. While in Ottawa, KS, Ruby volunteered at Ransom Memorial Hospital and thoroughly enjoyed the connections she made there. Later, Louis and Ruby returned to the Kansas City area, and she joined the Red Hat Society. They later would create lifelong relationships with many

other senior citizens at Merriam Community Center.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Ascend Hospice (4550 W. 109th St., Overland Park, KS 66207).

A visitation for Ruby will be held at Maple Hill Funeral Home on Wednesday, July 2, 2025 from 1:00 - 2:00 PM with a memorial service to follow at 2:00 PM. Interment will take place at Maple Hill Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Maple Hill Cemetery

2301 S 34th St
Kansas City, KS 66106
(913) 262-6610
info@maplehillfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

JUL 2. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Maple Hill Funeral Home
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Kansas City, KS 66106
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Memorial Service

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Inurnment

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Tribute Wall



“ *Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery created a Tribute Video in memory of Ruby Alice Atherton*



Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery - June 30, 2025 at 12:01 PM

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“ *Debbie, Jessika, Becca, & Fred purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Ruby Alice Atherton.*



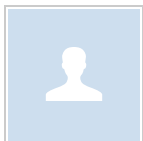
Debbie, Jessika, Becca, & Fred - July 02, 2025 at 09:03 AM

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“ *With Much Love, The Gould Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ruby Alice Atherton.*



With Much Love, The Gould Family - July 01, 2025 at 12:53 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ruby Alice Atherton.*

June 30, 2025 at 01:19 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ruby Alice Atherton.



June 30, 2025 at 01:19 PM



“ Love AmySue, Leo & family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Ruby Alice Atherton.



Love AmySue, Leo & family - June 27, 2025 at 04:54 PM



“ Aunt Doris and the Rebar Family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Ruby Alice Atherton.



Aunt Doris and the Rebar Family - June 27, 2025 at 08:29 AM