



## Mary Ruth Combs

June 20, 1927 - July 1, 2019

Mary Ruth Combs, affectionately known by her family as “Mamaw,” age 92, of Scottsboro, AL, went home to her eternal reward on Monday, July 1st, 2019. Mary Ruth lived a long, wonderful life of selfless service to the Lord and to others, always going the extra mile and putting others before herself. She truly loved life and people.

Mary Ruth was born Mary Ruth Wright in Swaengin, AL, on June 20th, 1927. She grew up in the area and married Howard Combs on June 28th, 1947. Together they had four children and shared 51 years of love and joy together, making their home in Scottsboro. She was an active member at Broad Street Church of Christ in Scottsboro.

Mamaw loved her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren dearly. She enjoyed cooking all of their favorite dishes on holidays and throughout the year out of love because she was thinking of them and wanted to do something kind. While everyone had their favorite foods that Mamaw made, we could all agree on one thing: her sweet tea was the best around and no family gathering was complete without it. Mamaw made countless dishes and meals for the sick and family who had lost loved ones.

Mary Ruth, along with her husband Howard, had a green thumb and loved gardening and growing flowers. They always grew more vegetables than they knew what to do with and found joy in sharing their harvest with family and friends.

Mary Ruth was a proud member of the “Swaengin Girls” and enjoyed going to the monthly luncheon socials with ladies who were raised in the community. She had many fond memories of her time growing up and the lasting friendships she carried throughout her life with these special ladies.

Mary Ruth is survived by her daughter, Brenda Price (Bill); Son, Tom Combs; daughter Linda Cunningham (David); daughter Cheryl Ellis (Paul), nine grandchildren, thirteen great-grandchildren, and many special nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends with whom she loved so dearly and enjoyed phone calls and visits. Mary Ruth was preceded in death

by her loving husband, Howard Combs; sisters Alma Louis Wright Thomas, Alva Lois "Tiny" Wright Farr, Kathleen Wright Gillis, Nellie Joe Wright; brothers Burton Bently Wright, Arnice Cameron Wright Jr., and Waylon Loyd Wright.

Visitation will be held Tuesday, July 2, at Rudder Funeral Home in Scottsboro. A Celebration of Life will be held on Wednesday, July 3, 11:00 am at Broad Street Church of Christ in Scottsboro, Alabama, with her loving grandchildren and great-grandchildren officiating. Burial will be at Cedar Hill Cemetery in Scottsboro beside her loving husband.

Mary Ruth Combs was an inspiration to all who knew her and her legacy will live on for generations to come. The Combs family would like to thank ABC Hospice of Rainsville for their excellent care during this time. In lieu of flowers, the Combs family requests you consider donating to ABC Hospice to further their mission of compassionate care.

Condolences may be made at [www.rudderfuneralhomes.com](http://www.rudderfuneralhomes.com)

# Events

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**JUL Visitation 05:00PM - 08:00PM**

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Rudder Funeral Home - Scottsboro  
716 South Broad Street, Scottsboro, AL, US, 35768

**JUL Second Visitation 10:00AM - 11:00AM**

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Broad Street Church of Christ  
Broad Street, Scottsboro, AL, US, 35768

**JUL Celebration of Life Service 11:00AM - 12:00PM**

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Broad Street Church of Christ  
Broad Street, Scottsboro, AL, US, 35768

# Comments

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“ Ms. Combs was a godsend to me when my husband passed away in 1995. She visited me and encouraged me for several years. Ms Combs was such a sweet, caring lady. Prayers for the family and friends during this time.

**Diane McCormack** - July 05, 2019 at 06:34 PM



“ Thank you for the kind words, Diane. Mom was a friend to so many; she always wanted to help others.

**Brenda** - July 12, 2019 at 11:15 AM

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“ David Cunningham, I want to say to the whole family how sorry I am to hear of Miss Mary's passing..For sure loved her and enjoyed every time I ever had a chance to talk with her .My memories go all the way back to the woods cove days. Mr. Howard was always a prince of a guy trying to help me get an appliance back working , as you always helped me with too. Miss seeing you and hope you are well..  
My deepest condolences to the entire family.  
Mike Carter

**mike carter** - July 03, 2019 at 09:34 AM

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“ Erica Wilhelm lit a candle in memory of Mary Ruth Combs



**Erica Wilhelm** - July 02, 2019 at 06:18 PM



“ Thank you, Erica.

**Brenda** - July 12, 2019 at 11:16 AM

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“ 75 files added to the album LifeTributes



Rudder Funeral Home - July 02, 2019 at 03:54 PM

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“ My sincere and deepest sympathy to the family. May you rest in peace knowing that she had lead a long life. Make peace with not that she is gone but all the fond memories left behind.

Sam Haynes

Sam Haynes - July 02, 2019 at 02:58 PM

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“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Ruth Combs.



July 02, 2019 at 01:40 PM

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“ Your DCMA Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mary Ruth Combs.



Your DCMA Family - July 02, 2019 at 01:40 PM

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“ David and Lauren Thomas purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Mary Ruth Combs.



David and Lauren Thomas - July 02, 2019 at 01:37 PM