

Obituary

Myra Nell Ward, a remarkable woman whose life was marked by dedication, resilience, and love, passed away peacefully into the arms of Jesus on March 23, 2026. Born on April 21, 1929, in Beebe, Arkansas, Myra was the youngest of nine children to William and Edith Hefner. Raised on a farm during the challenging times of the Great Depression, she developed a deep appreciation for hard work, financial discipline, and the simple joys of life—lessons she carried with her throughout her life.

Myra's early years in Beebe were filled with the joys and responsibilities of farm life, which sowed the seeds for her lifelong passion for gardening. She attended Beebe Elementary School and then graduated from Junior Agricultural High School as a proud member of the National Honor Society and Homecoming Queen. She went on to earn an accredited medical record certification from the American Association of Medical Record Librarians in 1968. Myra set a powerful example for her children, all of whom went on to achieve postgraduate degrees. This legacy of academic excellence continued to inspire her grandchildren, many of whom hold Masters and Doctorate degrees.

Myra enjoyed a distinguished career as a Health Systems Analyst at St. John's Mercy Medical Center in St. Louis, Missouri, where she dedicated 31 years of service before retiring in 1994. Even with her professional commitments, Myra was a devoted single mother who raised three children with unwavering strength and love. Often working two jobs to provide for her family, she displayed a steadfast commitment to their well-being and success, instilling in them the values of discipline, education, and independence that would guide them throughout their lives.

Myra's heart was enriched by the presence of family and the joyous company of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She cherished her extended family, finding immense happiness in their visits. Even in her later years, the smiles of her ten great-grandchildren—Aydin, Maci, William, Mason, Colton, Harper, Dominic, Jackson, Samantha Myra, and Scarlett—would light up her face and fill her with pride and joy.

Throughout her life, Myra embodied the qualities of intelligence, strength, and boundless love. She was a devoted mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother whose legacy of perseverance, education, and compassion will continue to inspire all who were fortunate to know her. As we remember Myra, we celebrate a life beautifully lived—a life that touched so many hearts and left an indelible mark on her family and community.

May her memory forever be a blessing.



In Memory of MYRA NELL WARD

April 21, 1929 ~ March 23, 2026



Myra is survived by her daughter, Nancy Ward Flanigan, and son-in-law, Dr. Mark Flanigan; her grandchildren: Jennifer (Frank Trevino) Featherston, Dustin Featherston, James (Andreya) Ward Flanigan, Scott (Stacy) Flanigan, and John (Sara) Flanigan; and her ten beloved great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her eight brothers and sisters and her son, Robert Glenn Ward, and daughter, Myra Janet Featherston-Sharp.



Jesus said,
"Come unto me, all ye that
labor
and are heavy laden,
and I will give you rest.
Take up my yoke upon you,
and learn
of me, for I am meek and
lowly in heart;
and you will find rest unto
your souls.
For my yoke is easy,
and my burden is light."
Matthew 11:28-30

Jesus said,
"I am the resurrection
and the life;
he who believes in me,
though he die,
yet shall he live,
and whoever lives and
believes in me
shall never die."
John 11:25-26



ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOME:

Pastor Dr. Kim Skattum

WELCOMING SONG:

"It is well with my soul"

READING OF THE EULOGY:

Jim, Scott & John Flanigan

FAMILY REMEMBRANCES:

Scott, Dustin, Jennifer & Mark

VIDEO/SONGS

MESSAGE:

Pastor Dr. Kim Skattum

CLOSING SONG:

"I can only imagine"

CLOSING INSTRUCTIONS