



Ruby Mae Bly

May 11, 1928 - July 25, 2025

It is with deep sorrow and much love that we mourn the passing of Ruby Bly, of Goshen, CA on Friday, July 25, 2025, at the age of 97 years.

Ruby was born on May 11, 1928, in Fort Gibson, Oklahoma to Willie and Rushie Gilstrap. Ruby was the third child of five children. In 1937 at the age of 9, Ruby traveled with her dad and two of her brothers to Goshen, California so her dad could find work and look for a place to live. Ruby attended school at Tarusa-Chatham and graduated from the 8th grade at Goshen school. In 1944, at a church social, Ruby met Bill Bly and got married on July 14, 1945. To this union three children were born, two boys and one girl. Ruby continued to live in Goshen until her passing.

Ruby loved doing many things in her life including drag racing with her family, camping with family in Mojave Desert where she & Bill would ride their three wheelers. She also loved camping at Pismo Beach every summer with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

When family or friends came to visit Ruby always wanted to cook for them. If they were traveling, she would offer everyone a place to sleep.

Later in life after the passing of her husband, Ruby began attending the Mt Zion Apostolic Church in Goshen. She was thankful to Sister Jane & Brother

Frank Morales for always giving her a ride to church and other functions. They became her very dear friends.

The family wants to thank the Westgate Gardens Nursing Home for their care of mom. A special thank you to Nurses Rayjean and Lizbeth, CNA's Nala (you are the best) and Sara. Your caring did not go unnoticed.

Ruby will be dearly missed and lovingly remembered by her sons, Danny (Evelyn) Bly of Visalia, Terry Bly (Jenny Roberts) of Three Rivers, son-in-law Kim Pennington (Sanger), 6 grandchildren; Stacie, Chris, Brett, Kyle, Kaci & Alicia, 13 great-grandchildren, and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Ruby is preceded in death by her loving husband of 70 years, Bill Bly, daughter, Connie Pennington, brothers Richard, Leo, Bill Jr, Jess Gilstrap, parents Willie Gilstrap & Rushie Gilstrap-Elliott.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 pm to 7:00pm, Saturday, August 2, 2025 at Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel, 127 E. Caldwell Ave., Visalia <<https://www.google.com/maps/search/127+E.+Caldwell+Ave.,Visalia?entry=gmail&source=g>>. Funeral services will be held on Monday from 11:30 to 12:30 at Mt. Zion Apostolic Church, 7210 Avenue 308, Visalia, Ca <<https://www.google.com/maps/search/7210+Avenue+308,Visalia,+Ca?entry=gmail&source=g>> (Goshen). Graveside services will be held following funeral services from 1:00 pm to 2 pm at Visalia District Cemetery, 1300 W. Goshen Ave, Visalia <<https://www.google.com/maps/search/1300+W.+Goshen+Ave,+Visalia?entry=gmail&source=g>>.

Reception back at the Mt. Zion Apostolic Church

Services have been entrusted to Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel. Memorial Tributes and condolences may be offered by logging onto www.salseranddillard.com

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Previous Events

Viewing

AUG 2. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel
127 E. Caldwell Ave.
Visalia, CA 93277

Funeral

AUG 4. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (PT)

Mt. Zion Apostolic Church - Goshen
7210 Ave. 308
Goshen, CA 93291

Graveside

AUG 4. 1:00 PM (PT)

Visalia District Cemetery
1300 W Goshen Ave
Visalia, CA 93291

Tribute Wall



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Ruby Mae Bly*



Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel - August 01, 2025 at 12:06 PM

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“ *Was going to go to her service but will be out of town. Prayers from Luanne Camp*

Luanne - August 03, 2025 at 10:24 PM

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“ *Larry and Laurie Brown purchased the Beautiful i n Blue for the family of Ruby Mae Bly.*



Larry and Laurie Brown - August 01, 2025 at 08:41 PM

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“ *Larry and Laurie Brown planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ruby Mae Bly.*

Larry and Laurie Brown - August 01, 2025 at 08:41 PM

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“ All my love and prayers go out to the whole Bly family, now she is rejoined with Bill and together then can stroll hand on hand as they used to do on Friday nights at the mall after Milkshakes at the drive in. She has been my dearest friend, and I've loved her like a sister since I met her and her family in 1961.

The family will miss her, but they can rest assured she is in a better place with the love of her life. Love and prayers, Dana and the whole Ball family.

Dana Ball - July 30, 2025 at 06:18 PM