



## Grace Ellen Michels

April 22, 1939 - October 12, 2022

Grace Ellen Michels, age 83, of Russellville, AL (formerly of Iowa), passed away on Wednesday, October 12, 2022, at North Alabama Medical Center after a brief illness.

Grace was born on April 22, 1939, in Graceville, FL to Valiant & Aileen (Whatley) Tew. She married Lowell (Mike) Michels on January 06, 1957. She loved garage sales, collecting cats, knick knacks, and playing bingo. She worked mainly as a waitress in several truck stops until she and Mike opened a Secondhand store in 1982 thru 1987 when they sold out and retired. Grace and her husband loved to travel after retirement. They visited most of the United States in their motorhome before residing in Deming, NM until 2008 when they moved to Shellsburg, Iowa and then she alone to Russellville, AL in 2022.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 61 years, Lowell Mike Michels; parents, Valiant & Aileen (Whatley) Tew; brothers, Charles, Jimmy, and Henry Tew; grandchildren, Shawn Michels, Jason Michels, and Beth Michels DeCarlo.

She leaves to cherish her memories, her children, Lowell "Bud" Michels, Jr. (Donna), Laura Willhoite (John), Vickie Backous (Cecil), Brenda Zens, Chuck Michels (Kathy), Darrell Michels (Theresa); several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren; two brothers, Johnny Tew (Lois), Jerald "Gene" Tew (Eleanor); and several nieces & nephews.

A service is not planned at this time.

The family would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to Dr. Manord, the nurses and staff of Russellville Hospital and North Alabama Medical Center for the love and care shown to our mom and grandmother during this time of her life. Spry Memorial Chapel assisted the family. To have us sign the book for you, please free to call or to leave private condolences, please visit our website at [www.sprymemorialchapel.com](http://www.sprymemorialchapel.com).

# Tribute Wall

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“ *I'm so sorry to hear about your Mom. You know she was a favorite cousin of mine & I loved her dearly. Just didn't want to argue with her. I wish you all the best in life & remember I love you all.* ”

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