Barbara "Yvonne" Samples

88, of Farmington, Arkansas, passed away peacefully on Thursday, April 9, 2026, in Fayetteville. She was born on July 20, 1937 in Alamosa, Colorado, to Fred and Erin Mershon.

Yvonne loved God, Family, & Friends! She was married to Al, the love of her life, at the age of 16 for 72 years until his passing last year. She was a very strong willed and motivated but kind person. She was the type of person that when she walked into a room everyone knew she had arrived. She worked as a superintendent secretary, legal secretary, and was a bookkeeper for several small businesses most of her life but was also a homemaker. Her favorite hobby and what many knew her for was her baking. She loved to bake pies for church events, give away, or just for anyone that wanted to stop by and have a piece of pie with coffee. She also had a passion for watching sports, where her favorite teams were the Arkansas Razorbacks and Dallas Cowboys.

She was preceded in death by her husband, and parents.

Those she left to cherish her memory are her daughter, Sandy Tennant and husband Steven of Farmington, Arkansas; her son, Shon Samples and wife Tina of Elkins, Arkansas; her sister, Donna Kilmer of Abilene, Texas; and her brother, Ron Mershon of Albuquerque, New Mexico. Yvonne's legacy also lives on through her five grandchildren ~ Rodney Howard (Jennifer), Kimberly Berger (Mike), Addison Tennant, Heath Samples (Katie), and Derek Samples (Brittany) ~ and her seven great-grandchildren, who will forever remember her for her servitude and punctuality.

APPRECIATION

On behalf of the family, we wish to express their gratitude for your many acts of kindness, and for your attendance at the funeral service.

Luginbuel Funeral Home
Prairie Grove, Arkansas
online guest book, visit www.luginbuel.com

Celebrating

THE LIFE AND MEMORY

Yvonne Samples

July 20, 1937 - April 9, 2026

LIFE WELL LIVED
A life well lived is a precious gift,
of hope and strength and grace,
from someone who has made our
world a brighter, better place.

It's filled with moments,
sweet and sad with smiles and
sometimes tears,
with friendships formed and good
times shared,
and laughter through the years.

Yvonne Samples

Forever in our hearts

CELEBRATING THE LIFE & MEMORY OF
Barbara "Yvonne" Samples

DATE, TIME & PLACE OF SERVICE
Monday, April 13, 2026 ~ 10:00 A.M.
Prairie Grove Church of Christ

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude — Family Memories Video

"Morning Has Broken"
"Go Rest High On That Mountain"

Opening Remarks — Craig Laird

Prayer

"I Can Only Imagine"

Words of Comfort — Craig Laird

Closing Prayer

"I Will Rise"

Postlude

GRAVE SIDE SERVICES WILL NOT BE HELD. THE FAMILY WILL REMAIN AFTER THE SERVICE TO VISIT WITH FRIENDS.

FINAL RESTING PLACE
Farmington Cemetery

PALLBEARERS
Rodney Howard ~ Addison Tennant ~ Heath Samples
Derek Samples ~ Mike Berger ~ Connor Howard
Caden Berger ~ Ryan Berger

Today we gather to celebrate the life of Yvonne Samples—a woman who lived with strength, love, and purpose.

Yvonne loved God, her family, and her friends, and she showed that love every day. She married the love of her life, Al, at just 16 years old, and together they shared 72 wonderful years. That kind of devotion is rare, and it's a beautiful part of her story.

Yvonne had a presence—you always knew when she was in the room. She was strong-willed and determined, but also kind and giving. She worked many years as a secretary and bookkeeper, but her most important role was caring for her family.

Many of us will remember her for her baking. She had a gift for making pies—but more than that, she had a gift for bringing people together. Whether at church or around her table, she made people feel welcome and cared for.

She also enjoyed life's simple pleasures—watching her Arkansas Razorbacks and the Dallas Cowboys, and spending time with the people she loved.

Yvonne leaves behind a legacy of love. To her children, Sandy and Shon, and to her grandchildren and great-grandchildren—you were her pride and her joy.

Today, we remember a life well lived. A life of faith, service, and love. And while we will miss her deeply, we carry her with us in the memories she gave us and the love she shared.

Rest well, Yvonne