



## Emily Beth Raper

March 30, 1967 - July 25, 2015

Emily Beth Raper, 48, Russellville, Alabama passed away Saturday, July 25, 2015.

She lived her entire life in Franklin County. She was a proud member of the Russellville High School class of 1985 where she was in the academic top 10 percent. She was also a member of the National Honor Society. At the time of her accident, she was attending the University of North Alabama, majoring in accounting.

Emily suffered a severe brain injury due to an automobile accident at the age of 19 and spent numerous days in the intensive care unit. She was able to be moved to her home where she was kept by her parents, sisters, friends and special caregivers. She was placed in Burns Nursing Home one year ago where she passed from this life on Saturday evening.

The family will receive friends Tuesday, July 28, 2015 from noon until 2 p.m. at Pinkard Funeral Home in Russellville. Funeral service will follow at 2:00 p.m., in the funeral home chapel with Dennis Steward officiating. Burial will be in Franklin Memory Gardens.

Survivors include mother, Judy Seal Raper; sisters, Pamela Faye Raper, Lori Raper Porter and husband, Larry; nephew, Dale Porter.

She was preceded in death by her father, Lloyd Raper.

Special thanks to all the caregivers that were with Emily for 28 years and also, thanks to Burns Nursing Home.

# Cemetery Details

## Franklin Memory Gardens

Russellville, AL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JUL 28.** 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Pinkard Funeral Home - Russellville  
27305 Hwy 24 East  
P.O. Box 502  
Russellville, AL 35653  
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# Tribute Wall

SA

“ *Sherry P. Akers lit a candle in memory of Emily Beth Raper*



Sherry P. Akers - July 28, 2015 at 04:39 PM



“ *My sweet cousin and friend. I'll miss you always. May you dance with the angels and give my son a hug from his mom. Love always...*

Melinda Grotberg - July 27, 2015 at 10:56 PM

BS

“ *Our sincerest condolences to each of you. Emily was a special person and will be missed by all who knew her.*

Betty Sparks - July 27, 2015 at 09:33 PM

EL

“ *Sweet Emily, I'd like to think that you taught me how to truly care for another person. You taught me a lot about life just through your sweet smile. Emily was always smiling and happy even on some of her worst days. She is truly a beautiful person inside and out and will be missed.*

Elizabeth - July 27, 2015 at 07:48 PM

JP

“ *A special young lady in so many ways--every teacher's dream student, everyone's coveted friend, now one of God's angels in heaven. God bless her faithful and loving family, friends and caregivers. Judy Pounders and Family*

Judy Pounders - July 27, 2015 at 11:46 AM

JM

“ *Sweet Emily now safe and secure in her loving heavenly Father's arms . . .  
Love to you all,  
Jane*

Jane Keeton McManus - July 26, 2015 at 03:54 PM

BS

*Sweet young lady! Prayers and love to the family!*

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**Barbara Taylor Schmid** - July 28, 2015 at 12:56 AM

TB

*Emily was a sweet person and very smart! She will truly be missed.*  
*Tonya Dale Beck*

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**Tonya Beck** - July 28, 2015 at 11:44 PM