



Ruth E. Maguire

December 8, 1921 - July 10, 2015

Ruth Elizabeth Westfall Maguire of Battle Creek passed quietly at home at Pennfield Premier Living residence surrounded by family on July 10, 2015. Ruth was born December 8, 1921 in Clinton County, Michigan to the late Harper and Hazel (Strouse) Westfall.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Laurel LaVail Maguire, brothers, Tom and Charles Westfall, sister Fern Howe, and son-in-law, Ron Wilcox. Along with her faith and pastoral ministry with LaVail, her greatest joy has been her 3 children, Roger (Pat) Maguire, Carolyn Wilcox, Marlene (Len) Lawson, and their families: 9 grandchildren, Michelle, Lisa, Scott, Rodney, Carla, Cheryl, Rick, Matthew and Elizabeth. And 14 great-grandchildren: Alex, Cynthia, Madison, Brady, Baylee, Brandon, Jack, Sam, Grace, Lauren, McKenna, Stanley, D'Right, and Shaymar.

During the past 22 years Ruth actively attended Andrus Street Church of God, where she and her husband previously pastored and also attended Calvary Baptist Church with her family.

Ruth and her husband, LaVail, ministered in Michigan for over 50 years pastoring churches in Munising, Cash, Port Huron, and Battle Creek. She spent the majority of her life serving God, her family, and others. She liked to stay busy and work with her hands, baking, cleaning, gardening, sewing, crocheting, and decorating among other activities. She loved to serve and could work circles around most people. She continued visiting and ministering to people after her husbands' passing in 1993 until she could no longer drive.

Many people have been blessed by her homemade bread and cookies. Ruth spent the last 7 years in the care of, and surrounded by, her family. She will be greatly missed but has left a great legacy and is home now in the presence of Jesus and reunited with LaVail.

Graveside interment service at Oakwood Cemetery, Grand Ledge MI, Tuesday, July 14th, 11am

A Memorial Open House will be held at CityLinC Ministries, 82 Calhoun St., Battle Creek, MI, Tuesday, July 14th 5:30pm-8pm (additional parking at Charitable Union)

Ruth's family would like to express their heartfelt gratitude to the phenomenal staff of Centracare, Pennfield Premier Living and the Cretsinger family, and Bronson Hospice BC, for their exceptional, compassionate care of mom and support for our family.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that memorial donations be made to The Gideons International, P.O. Box 140800, Nashville, Tennessee or Andrus St. Church of God, 765 Andrus Street, Battle Creek, MI 49014. Arrangements by the Holihan-Atkin Funeral Home, Grand Ledge.

Cemetery Details

Oakwood Cemetery

299 Halbert Street
Grand Ledge, MI 48837

Previous Events

Service

JUL 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JG

“ So sorry to hear of the passing of Aunt Ruth. My prayers and thoughts are with the family at this time of mourning. She lived a good productive life and now is with her beloved LaVail.



Judy Augenstein Gee & Dewaine Gee

Judy Augenstein Gee - July 13, 2015 at 08:22 PM

MH

“ Ruth was my mentor when it came to being a Godley woman. I will always remember the times that the women of our church would get together for a bible study. Those were blessed days. I will think of all the times we shared together even when Dave and I no longer lived in Michigan. We both still thought a lot of Sister Maguire, Now she is at home with our Lord and Savior. Also with her beloved Brother Maguire. My prayers are with all of you at this time. I will miss you Ruth.
Mary Howard and the Howard family.

Mary Howard - July 11, 2015 at 08:40 PM

 Janet Markham

“ I love my time with a Dear Friend... For more them 46 years of memories that will always b e in my an Ed life.... Will miss you Sister .. Love your family an it ways a joy to see them grow an to wonderful man an women .. It was a blessing to be a part of
*Love an God bless
Ed an Janet Markham*

Janet Markham - July 11, 2015 at 08:26 PM

BS

“Ruth was a wonderful lady. I loved being her friend and will miss her. But I know she wanted to go "home" to be with Jesus and now she's joined with her husband. I'll see her some day "When We all Get to Heaven, what a day of rejoicing that will be".

Betty Spear

Betty Spear - July 11, 2015 at 07:31 PM

JD

“Loved her smile.

Joan Damerow - July 11, 2015 at 07:13 PM