



Ruth Margaret Ricks

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Ruth Margaret Ricks, age 96, of Spring Lake went to be with her Lord and Savior on a beautiful Sunday morning, April 11, 2010, at Grand Pines Assisted Living Center. She was born October 22, 1913, in Mulberry, Kansas, to George and Margaret (Bertino) Guenther, and she married Bernard Ricks on September 28, 1946, in Bowling Green, Ohio. He preceded her in death on January 5, 2002.

Mrs. Ricks was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Grand Haven, P.E.O. Sisterhood Chapter DS, and the Order of the Eastern Star. She enjoyed spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren.

She is survived by a daughter, Michal (Rich) Wheeler of Grand Haven; two sons, Dr. Jeffrey (Patricia) Ricks of Charlevoix, MI, and Jonathan (Dr. Natalie Gonzales) Ricks of Helena, Montana; nine grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son, William, in 2006, and three brothers: Harold, Lee, and Robert Guenther.

The service for Ruth will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, April 17, 2010, at First Presbyterian Church in Grand Haven with Rev. Thomas Cook presiding. Interment will be in Spring Lake Cemetery. Memorial contributions in Ruth's name may be made to the P.E.O. Scholarship Fund at the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation. Share memories with the family at their online guest book at www.vbkfuneralhome.com.

The family is being served by VanZantwick Bartels Kammeraad Funeral Home of Grand Haven.



Events


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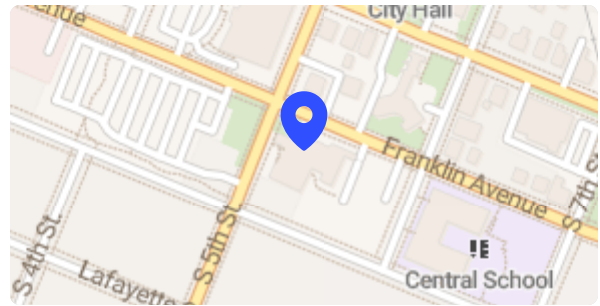
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Service

 **Saturday**, April 17, 2010

 11:00 AM ET

 **First Presbyterian Church of Grand Haven**
508 Franklin, Grand Haven Mi





Tribute Wall

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Anonymous posted:

Jon, Mike and Jeff,Your Mom brings wonderful memories to me from Spring Lake! All the great dinners with your Mom and Dad, the Degenaaers, and Beardsley's are such sweet times we all shared! Lots of great pies came from her kitchen at the "cottage"! I will always treasure her and can not thank her enough for reuniting Tom and I with Jon and Mike.She was quite a lady!##imported-begin##Dorian Kuper##imported-end##

April 24 at 3:45 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Michal, Jonathan & Jeff,What a beautiful photo of your mother...and what wonderful children she left behind. I remember sooo many times as we were growing up when your mom - and your dad - tolerated yet one more kid (yep, me) for whatever... lemonade, lunch, dinner or water-skiing. I appreciated it a lot then and I still recall it fondly today. I am sorry for your loss, though I am glad that you and your respective families had your mom's presence (i.e., presents; it was a gift) for 96 years. Love and Blessings to you all. Joan##imported-begin##Joan Sickterman##imported-end##

April 20 at 4:03 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear friends and family of Ruth So sorry for your loss. I had the pleasure of knowing Ruth only briefly while she was a resident of Oak Crest. She moved to Grand Pines soon after I began my employment there. When I did have the occassion to visit with her, I found her to be a delightful and charming lady - a person who brought much happiness to those who knew her. I am sure you will all miss her a great deal, but thankfully, you have many great memories to hold on to.##imported-begin##Mary Youker##imported-end##

April 18 at 5:18 PM



Anonymous posted:

It was a honor having Ruth at Ock Crest. I still think of her every time I enter "her" room. Her smile made everyone feel so at ease. She touched more lives they you will ever know. Thank-you for sharing her with us.##imported-begin##Heidi Essebaggers##imported-end##

April 17 at 4:45 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Dear Michal and Rich,Carol Bedford called to let me know that Ruth had passed on to a better life. What a beautiful lady!!! Heaven will rejoice in her homecoming.My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I know you will miss her.Love and hugs, Caryle##imported-begin##Caryle Wagasky##imported-end##

April 15 at 11:25 AM



Anonymous posted:

Michal, Rich, and family,Our sincere sympathies to you and your family on the loss of your mother. We always enjoyed visiting with Ruth, both at church and at your home. She was truly a classy lady with elegance and spunk. We hope you find peace knowing she is in a better place. Love to you all at this difficult time.##imported-begin##Doug & Tina VanderWall##imported-end##

April 15 at 10:35 AM



Anonymous posted:

Ruth touched my life in many ways. I was an aide when she resided at Oak Crest Manors. She always wore a smile and greeted everyone without hesitation. As time has it, I moved onto a different job at Grand Pines and soon there after I heard she was going to be moving in. Ruth was a wonderful and amazing woman. I enjoyed spending time with her as she always made me feel at ease. Even when Ruth had a complaint it was never negative. She would find the most positive way to say it. I admire Ruth for all she accomplished in her life and as someone said before me, I too hope when I get in my "golden years" I will have the grace and the beauty Ruth held. My prayers goes out to Ruth's family.##imported-begin##Laura Potter##imported-end##

April 15 at 4:59 AM



Anonymous posted:

Dear MichalMany fond memories of a wonderful neighbor and yes even a stay for Chuck for a year at the Longview home. We are so sorry for your loss. We shared breakfast with your mother in a recent summer visit to Grand Haven and she was the beautiful classy lady we always will remember and love. Hope to see you this comming summer. C and B##imported-begin##Chuck Robertson and Barbara Figazzotto##imported-end##

April 14 at 12:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

You were the best Grandmother and Great-Grandmother we could have asked for! I love you##imported-begin##Claudia##imported-end##

April 14 at 9:28 AM



Anonymous posted:

With fond memories of a beautiful & classy lady at Tricia & Lee's wedding. Our sympathy to her family & friends at this difficult time. Steve & Karen (parents of Tricia Ricks)##imported-begin##Karen Mattson##imported-end##

April 14 at 8:10 AM



Anonymous posted:

To all of Ruth's dear family and friends, In the time that Ruth lived with us at Grand Pines we all came to love her very much. She was always a smiling face and had a kind word for all. She had an agelessness about her - she made everyone she met feel like an old friend. I will forever cherish the memory of this gracious woman. As I have said many times, I pray that I may have even a thimbleful of Ruth's grace and beauty when I reach my "golden years". God grant you peace for eternity dear Ruth! You are missed!##imported-begin##Patti Grillo##imported-end##

April 14 at 1:13 AM



Anonymous posted:

Mom, You were the best. Thanks for you did for me. I miss you. Jon##imported-begin##Jonathan Ricks##imported-end##

April 13 at 8:22 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Ruth Margaret by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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