



Ruth M. Jillson

September 15, 1919 - March 12, 2012

Ruth M. Jillson, 92, of Bridgman and formerly of Saugatuck died Monday, March 12, 2012 at the Woodland Terrace in Bridgman.

Services celebrating her life will be held at 11 AM on Saturday, March 17, at the Dey-Florin Chapel of Florin Funeral Service in St. Joseph. The family will receive friends and relatives from 6PM to 8 PM on Friday at the Dey-Florin Chapel. Cremation will follow the service and burial of the ashes next to her husband will be in Restlawn Memorials Gardens in Holland. Memorials may be given to the Diabetes Association or the Heart Association. Please share memories, messages, or photos at www.florin.net.

Ruth, the youngest child, was born on September 15, 1919 in Holland to Simon and Anna VanOosterhout. She married her husband, Arthur, in 1938 and he preceded her in death in 1990. Together they celebrated 51 years of marriage. Ruth was formerly a member of the Saugatuck Woman's Club and the Saugatuck Women's Fellowship. She spent most of her life in Saugatuck until 10 years ago when she moved to Stevensville to be with her family. She enjoyed sewing, knitting, gardening and cooking for her family and friends. Ruth and her husband were members of the Radar Ramblers Trailer Club and liked to travel around the US. Ruth was a kind and thoughtful person who loved her family.

She is survived by her son, Ronald (Kathryn) Jillson of Berrien Springs; her grandchildren, Darrin (Melissa) Jillson of Buchanan and Christine (James Laughner) of Lincoln, NE; her step great grandson, Kyle Laughner; her great grandchildren, Arthur and Lillian Jillson; and her sister-in-law, Sandra (Watson) Lundie of Holland. She was also preceded in death by her 7 brothers, Walter, Bill, Ted, Vic, Eddie, Walt, and Darby and her sister Esther.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 16. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Dey-Florin Chapel of Florin Funeral Service - Closed 2013
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St. Joseph, MI 49085
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Service

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Tribute Wall

RH

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. I remember your parents, especially your Mom, each time I go past there house when in Saugatuck. Best to you and your family.
Regina

Regina Heinrich - March 20, 2012 at 08:39 AM

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Kathryn Jillson - March 19, 2012 at 02:20 PM

GC

Oh my gosh. I didn't even know Ruth had passed. They were fast friends with my mom and dad show with Art and Ruth above. Another case of 'I should have visited more'. Ron, if you read this, I'm so sorry for your mom's passing. I remember many, many New Year's Eve weekends spent at your house. And many fourth of Julys. Ruth always assured my mom that I'd be okay walking around town in Saugatuck. The year I was 12 or so, I'd met members of the Hell's Angels who were in town for the fourth. For some reason a few of them chatted with me. Well, it was actually because someone came by and kicked over a few of their motorcycles and I was standing too close by. One of the 'Angels' grabbed me and pulled me in the safety of the Sand Bar. He bought me a coke and told me to stay inside until the ruckus stopped. Then they came in to make sure I was okay. We talked a while back outside. One of my great memories of visiting your parents and spending time in Saugatuck in the summer.

I also remember spending a week on one the boats your dad would take out to Lake Superior. What I liked best about your parents was that they would actually take time to talk to me like an adult. Your mom made sure there was a little something for me under the Christmas tree when we'd come over for the New Year's weekend. And the cool big blocks you had stored in that very cool attic. I always had a dream growing up of buying that house some day. Very cool house in a great location.

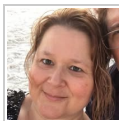
Also, I like listening to your dad talk about your experiences on the submarines.

I think the biggest memory I have is marveling at your dad and my dad talking while your mom and my mom would all talk at the same time at the same volume. And...without missing a beat or taking a breath, they comment on each others' conversations. It was remarkable.

And a final memory was your dad's collection of National Geographic. A great find for a young boy. But we'll leave that right there.

Peace to you and your family, Ron.

Gary Cronkhite - April 24, 2018 at 10:52 AM



What a beautiful comment. I'm sorry it took me so long to see it and get back to you. I am Ron's daughter, Christine

Christine Jillson - September 16, 2019 at 12:30 AM

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Kathryn Jillson - March 19, 2012 at 02:16 PM

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Kathryn Jillson - March 19, 2012 at 02:10 PM



“ *Blooming Garden Basket* was purchased for the family of Ruth M. Jillson.



March 16, 2012 at 10:02 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Ruth M. Jillson.



March 15, 2012 at 06:11 PM

CJ

“ *Christine Jillson* lit a candle in memory of *Ruth M. Jillson*



Christine Jillson - March 14, 2012 at 11:53 AM