



Ruth "Ruthie" Strine

August 23, 1951 - June 21, 2015

Ruth "Ruthie" Anne Strine, 63, of St. Joseph, Michigan passed away unexpectedly but peacefully on Sunday, June 21, 2015 at the Lakeland Regional Medical Center in St. Joseph.

Services celebrating her life will be held at 2 PM Wednesday, June 24, at the Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service in Benton Harbor with Rev. Marlo Fritzke officiating. Burial will follow in Riverview Cemetery. The visitation will begin at 1 PM Wednesday at the Fairplain Chapel. Memorials may be made to Special Olympics or Hospice at Home. Please share memories, messages, or photos at www.florin.net.

Ruth's kind and joyful spirit touched many lives. Her favorite job, through Gateway, was bagging groceries at Meijer where she would spread her joy on a daily basis by offering children a penny to ride the carousel horse and by striking up conversation with everyone who passed her way. She had a special affection for the ladies at Golden Brown Bakery, and those whose paths she crossed on her walks in downtown St. Joseph. Ever generous and always loving, she had a zeal for life that was infectious. A breast cancer survivor, and developmentally disabled, she took on the world with a style all her own. She was a passionate White Sox fan and bowled in the Special Olympics. She knew each and every family member's and friend's birthdays, and prided herself on sending cards that included a little special something.

She is survived by her father, Robert Strine; sisters, Lynda Strine and Evelyn (Barry) Will; brothers, Dan (Penny) Strine, John (Rebecca) Strine and Bill (Jeanne) Strine; nieces, Trisha (Nick) Leh, Melaney (Josh) Amidon, Kristi (Dave) DeVore, Carrie (Brennan) Ball, Julia (Justin) Price and Stephanie Will; nephews, John Strine, Steve (Sarah) Strine, Keith Strine, Kevin Strine, and Jason (Jessica) Crockett; 6 great-nieces and 16 great-nephews; special friends, Marlene (Steve) Mitchell and Pam Sutherland. Her mother, Dorothy Rush, preceded her in death.

Cemetery Details

Riverview Cemetery

2925 Niles Rd
Saint Joseph, MI 49085
rvcemetery@parrett.net
<http://www.sjcity.com/services/riverview.phtml>

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 24. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service
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Service

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Tribute Wall

CG

“ I had the pleasure of getting to know Ruth Anne because she knew my grandmother. every time I visited the building I would run into her. Ruth Anne kept tabs on my life and knew all about me. she came to my fathers funeral and I carry a photo she gave me of herself in my wallet. I am deeply saddened to hear of her passing, and very sad that I never got to say goodbye to her before I moved. I fully planned on visiting her when I came home to see my family.

A funny thing happened the day she passed. Ruth Anne and thoughts of her wouldn't leave my mind. I'm pretty supersicious. I would like to think that she was with me in those moments, saying her goodbyes.

she will be deeply missed by me. She always had a smile and a hug and I always told her to try not to let other people upset her so much. I take comfort in knowing she passed peacefully. I have been holding her sister in love and light as she spoke fondly of her. May her family grieve peacefully at this time. She was one of a kind, and will be dearly missed.

Much love,
Cory garrison

corinne garrison - July 03, 2015 at 11:15 PM

DH

“ Dale & Cindy Haigler lit a candle in memory of Ruth "Ruthie" Strine



Dale & Cindy Haigler - June 24, 2015 at 12:23 PM

DA

We will truly miss seeing you at the Golden Brown Bakery. We surely enjoyed knowing you. We find comfort in knowing that you have gone to be with our Lord Jesus Christ and that you are now in his loving care. May God be with all of your many friends and family.

Dale - June 24, 2015 at 12:26 PM

GD

“ I will miss you really bad Ruthie and you went to see Jesus on my birthday and you did have a great da you told me I have you wa the 21s we spent the day togethe and walking and talking I would greatly miss you and lov I would greatly miss you and love you anVern said he will miss you getting diet pop for you you're so kind hearted and took care gene love you and miss yo this is Gloria. And Vern

Gloria Dixon - June 24, 2015 at 11:06 AM

DR

“ I loved Ruth so much. She had a great smile. I know she loved everyone but a lot did not love her back. I know she probably went through some hard times growing up. I understand because I worked with a disability advocacy group and we helped so many. I helped her read sometimes and always tried to be kind. Thank you Ruth for being my friend. God Bless all of the Strine family. You have my sincere condolences. I will never forget Ruth.



Debby Radke - June 23, 2015 at 03:21 PM

SC

“ I have so many memories of Ruth from her years with Gateway, seeing her at work at Meijer's, cleaning at the Upton building, and just seeing her around town when we would talk and catch up. You fought a good fight and have left many with memoires of your smile and "I can do it" attitude. Rest in peace, Ruth.

Sara Carlson - June 23, 2015 at 07:24 AM

ME

“ I had the honor of being Ruthie's bowling partner for Special Olympics, I will surely miss the daily phone calls, her sense of humor, love for sandwich's, and kind heart. We would often go to Cracker Barrel for breakfast and she would say it was the best breakfast she ever had. Rest in peace till we meet again.



Merry - June 23, 2015 at 05:54 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Ruth "Ruthie" Strine.



June 23, 2015 at 03:58 AM

CG

“ *Ruthie was always a pleasure to carry on conversation with. One time she accidentally dialed my phone number by mistake but it didn't matter to her or to me -- We ended up talking for quite awhile catching up on family news and what she was doing with her life .. She had an infectious joy about her and she never stopped giving to others - Ruth will be missed !!! She is now added to those who rest in the arms of her Christ forever.*

Cheryl Glowacki - June 23, 2015 at 02:39 AM

CG

“ *Cheryl Glowacki sent a virtual gift in memory of Ruth "Ruthie" Strine*



Cheryl Glowacki - June 23, 2015 at 02:34 AM

AG

“ *THANK YOU, Ruth Ann for the TV dinners, and looking out for me because you cared.*

I will miss you,

Aaron Gibson



Aaron Gibson - June 22, 2015 at 11:10 PM

RF

“ Rhonda Rae Feury sent a virtual gift in memory of Ruth "Ruthie" Strine



Rhonda Rae Feury - June 22, 2015 at 11:04 PM

RF

“ The first time I ever met Ruth Ann, I accidentally thought she said her name was Sam and we both started laughing, so I would often say "Hi Sam, how you doing today"!

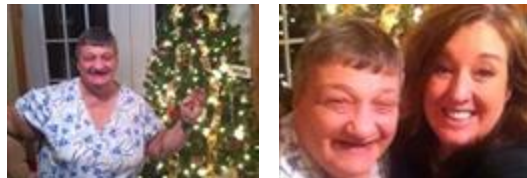


It always made her laugh when I called her Sam, she touched our hearts. ?

Rhonda Rae Feury - June 22, 2015 at 10:42 PM

DR

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Debby Radke - June 22, 2015 at 10:25 PM



“ *Heather Holloway lit a candle in memory of Ruth "Ruthie" Strine*



Heather Holloway - June 22, 2015 at 09:12 PM

DR

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Debby Radke - June 22, 2015 at 01:04 PM

DR

This is in memory of Ruth. She loved her White Sox and I loved my Tigers. We always kidded with each other about that. I loved her and will miss her. As Ruth would say "Thanks Buddy." Love, Debby Radke.

Debby Radke - June 22, 2015 at 01:10 PM

JS

Thank you Debby for being there for Ruth.

Jeanne Strine - June 22, 2015 at 08:14 PM

DB

I met Ruth while I was working for Dr. Mesirov while she was still living with Rita. We shared many fun times together over the years and I was especially proud to see her become independent and often told her so....which, of course, she would agree and smile from ear to ear. I miss her infectious and BIG personality already!

Denelle Bauer - June 23, 2015 at 02:05 PM

EW

Independent she was, and she was so proud of her independence. I love and miss my sister every day. Those folks she counted as friends, remained her friends to the end. Thank you each and every one for sharing your memories of Ruth. Love you sis and one day I will see you again!!! 😭

Evelyn Will - July 03, 2015 at 09:42 PM

CG

💖 Evelyn she was always so excited to see you and spoke so often about you to me. I am so sorry for your loss. I'm thankful I had the joy of getting to know your sister. She really did help my grandmother out a ton, which in turn helped me out so much. I always wanted to go see her at the Olympics and cheer her on. She was a truly special person and I was shocked and really sad when my mom told me she passed - I found out a week ago. I like to think though that she will be looking out for all of us. I can't see it any other way!

corinne garrison - July 03, 2015 at 11:25 PM

EV

Thank you Cory!!!

Evelyn - July 11, 2015 at 10:32 AM