



Emma Jean "Enkie" Rutko

January 27, 1949 - July 15, 2019

Emma Jean "Enkie" Rutko, daughter of the late Everett and Lillie (Martin) Murray, was born January 27, 1949 in Cherryville, Missouri. She passed away Monday, July 15, 2019 in the Mercy Hospital of Springfield, Missouri having attained the age of 70 years, 5 months and 19 days.

Enkie, as she was known by her family and friends, spent most of her life in Waynesville, Missouri except for a short time in St. Louis, Missouri while she was in the 3rd grade.

Enkie was a hardworking woman and took great pride in helping to provide for her family. She drove a school bus for Waynesville for 21 years, was a cook on Fort Leonard Wood for 15 years, worked at Algoa for 1 year and also worked in local bars for 21 years. She made several friends while working for the Godfrey family at The Club.

Enkie was united in marriage to Arthur Leslie Rutko on September 1, 1983 in Crocker, Missouri. They shared over 31 years of marriage together before he preceded her in death on May 5, 2015.

In her spare time, Enkie was an avid collector of Elvis paraphernalia and M&M. She was known in the area for making some of the best peanut brittle and coconut candy. It was a well-known fact that Enkie loved to play Bingo.

She also enjoyed playing cards and dice with her family and friends as well. She was a member of the VFW Post #3186 Ladies Auxiliary and a lifetime member of the American Legion #331 Ladies Auxiliary. Most importantly, she took care of her family and was always putting them first.

Enkie leaves to cherish her memory two children: Melissa Downs of St. Robert, MO and Wayne Kitchens of St. Robert, MO; one granddaughter: Terra Downs of Rogersville, MO; four great grandchildren: Alithya, Peytience, Mason and Carlie; four siblings: Herman Murray of Richland, MO, Randy Murray (Vickie) of Lacey Springs, AL, Alice "Punkie" Murray of Waynesville, MO and Edna Nelson (Bill) of Columbia, MO; several nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

In addition to her parents and husband, Enkie was preceded in death by five siblings: Clifford Murray, Raymond Murray, Erma Skinner, Henrietta Juede and Rose Schnieder.

Even though she is gone from our sight, she will live on in our hearts forever.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 23, 2019 in the Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert with Pastor Dany Graves officiating. The songs "Amazing Grace" by Elvis Presley, "When I Get Where I'm Going" by Brad Paisley, "Sissy's Song" by Alan Jackson and "Jealous of the Angels" by Donna Taggart were played. Serving as escorts were family and friends. Burial followed in the Sunset Memorial Estates Cemetery of Waynesville.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Enkie Rutko and may be left at the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Memorial Estates Cemetery

Highway 17 South
Waynesville, MO 65583
(573) 774-6111
memorialchapels@embarqmail.com

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 23. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Emma Jean "Enkie" Rutko*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - July 23, 2019 at 06:21 PM



“ *Emma Jean "Enkie" Rutko*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *Peggy Medlock lit a candle in memory of Emma Jean "Enkie" Rutko*



peggy medlock - August 02, 2019 at 10:41 PM



“ *I'll miss gossiping with her at Walmart. Quite the woman!*

Tammy Loney-Moreau - August 01, 2019 at 10:37 PM

LK

“ *My condolences to Wayne and missy enkie will be missed from Larry kelley and family*



larry kelley - July 23, 2019 at 06:38 AM

DM

“ *Debby Myers sent a virtual gift in memory of Emma Jean "Enkie" Rutko*



Debby Myers - July 22, 2019 at 08:55 PM



“ *179 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - July 22, 2019 at 01:54 PM

MD

“ Yet another of the Country Club crowd gone.
She was loved and will be sorely missed!
My heart goes out to her family!!



Myree Drennon - July 22, 2019 at 06:28 AM

LH

“ So sorry for your loss. Have many happy memories of Enkie. Linda Jones

Linda Heth - July 21, 2019 at 07:45 PM

RW

“ Ronnie Wilson lit a candle in memory of
Emma Jean "Enkie" Rutko



Ronnie Wilson - July 19, 2019 at 11:51 PM

NB

“ Norman Bowman lit a candle in memory of
Emma Jean "Enkie" Rutko



Norman Bowman - July 19, 2019 at 10:40 PM

BH

“ I've known this wonderful woman since I was 15 years old. Lots of laughs and a few cocktails. She will be truly missed. May God wrap his arms around Missy and Wayne in this terrible situation. She is flying with the Angels.

Barb Hoskins - July 19, 2019 at 09:26 PM

AH

“ ANNETTE HANCE lit a candle in memory of Emma Jean "Enkie" Rutko



ANNETTE HANCE - July 19, 2019 at 04:36 PM

SP

“ Shirley Profest lit a candle in memory of Emma Jean "Enkie" Rutko



Shirley Profest - July 19, 2019 at 03:26 PM

PC

“ Pamela Cox sent a virtual gift in memory of Emma Jean "Enkie" Rutko



Pamela Cox - July 19, 2019 at 03:13 PM

JY

“ Janet York lit a candle in memory of Emma Jean "Enkie" Rutko



Janet York - July 19, 2019 at 02:02 PM

BC

“ Belinda Casperson lit a candle in memory of Emma Jean "Enkie" Rutko



Belinda Casperson - July 19, 2019 at 01:20 PM

PG

“ Pulaski County Camp Gideons lit a candle in memory of Emma Jean "Enkie" Rutko



Pulaski County Camp Gideons - July 19, 2019 at 10:28 AM

BA

“ Bill & Susan Anderson lit a candle in memory of Emma Jean "Enkie" Rutko



Bill & Susan Anderson - July 19, 2019 at 09:36 AM

SD

“ *Sheila Debo lit a candle in memory of Emma Jean "Enkie" Rutko*



Sheila Debo - July 19, 2019 at 08:57 AM

BC

“ *Barbara Clark lit a candle in memory of Emma Jean "Enkie" Rutko*



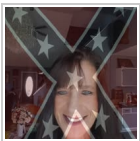
Barbara clark - July 19, 2019 at 07:45 AM

PF

“ *Paula Forrest lit a candle in memory of Emma Jean "Enkie" Rutko*



Paula Forrest - July 19, 2019 at 03:14 AM



“ *Patii Dumas lit a candle in memory of Emma Jean "Enkie" Rutko*



Patii Dumas - July 18, 2019 at 11:23 PM

SD

“ *Rest in Paradise..Enkie...from Sylvester and Colleen Daniely*



Sylvester & Colleen Daniely - July 18, 2019 at 10:11 PM

CM

“ *Enkie and I worked at E D P. IN 1978 though t980's. Very hard work. We helped each other. Missy & Family you are in our thoughts and prayers.*



Crystal Mosier - July 18, 2019 at 10:04 PM

BM

“ *Bill Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Emma Jean "Enkie" Rutko*



Bill Mitchell - July 18, 2019 at 10:04 PM

CH

“ *Rest in peace aunt enkie*



Chris - July 18, 2019 at 09:14 PM

LW

“ *Linda Wheeler lit a candle in memory of Emma Jean "Enkie" Rutko*



Linda Wheeler - July 18, 2019 at 06:59 PM

TL

“ *Teresa Livengood lit a candle in memory of Emma Jean "Enkie" Rutko*



Teresa Livengood - July 18, 2019 at 06:51 PM

CZ

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. Her and Cordell are probably chit chatting about how things have been lately. She was a sweet lady from what little I knew her.*

Casey Zeigenbein - July 18, 2019 at 06:47 PM

LC

“ *Linda Cole-schonbok sent a virtual gift in memory of Emma Jean "Enkie" Rutko*



linda cole-schonbok - July 18, 2019 at 04:44 PM