



Ruth Irene Hawk

January 26, 1930 - July 21, 2010

Ruth Irene Hawk, daughter of the late Bert E. and Agnes (Peterson) VanLoon, was born January 26, 1930 in Crocker, Missouri. She passed away at 9:02 a.m., Wednesday, July 21, 2010 at General Leonard Wood Army Community Hospital at the age of 80 years, 5 months and 25 days.

Ruth grew up near Crocker. The biggest event in her childhood was at the age of 11 when Fort Leonard Wood was being built. She attended school in Crocker and graduated from Crocker High School in 1947.

Ruth moved to Lebanon, Missouri and began working at the Lee Factory. She then began working at the Nifty Café and there she met the love of her life, Raymond Hawk. He was the manager of the Kroger Store in Lebanon and on December 21, 1949, Ruth and Ray were united in marriage in Waynesville, Missouri. They shared over 37 years of marriage and many wonderful memories. They were blessed with five children: Veronica, Dianne, Barbara, Dennis and Vicki.

Ruth and Ray moved to Waynesville and he became produce manager at the local IGA Grocery Store. Ruth also worked there and as their daughters grew up, they worked there as well. Later on, Ruth began working as the head cook for the Waynesville Nursing Center and did so for 12 years. She retired in 1990.

At an early age, Ruth made a very important decision in her life and accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Savior. She was baptized and was a member of the Tabernacle Baptist Church in Lebanon.

In her spare time, Ruth enjoyed sewing and made beautiful clothes for the girls while they were growing up. She liked to crochet and read. Most importantly, she treasured those times that she could spend with her family and friends, especially the grandchildren. She will be sadly missed by all those that knew and loved her.

Ruth leaves to cherish her memory four daughters: Veronica Hayes (Chris), League City, TX, Dianne Baza (Frankie), Plato, Barbara Parker, Madison, AL, and Vicki Long (Bob), Dixon; two sisters: Margaret Schnoor, Moose Lake, MN; and Lottie Officer, Springfield; three grandchildren: Stephanie Washum, Heather Harris and Daniele Parker; four great grandchildren: Miles, Savannah and Tristan Washum and Lyric Harris; sister-in-law: Helen Hawk, Lebanon; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

In addition to her parents, Ruth was preceded in death by her husband: Ray (December 31, 1986) and her son: Dennis (August 26, 2005).

Graveside services were held at 2:00 P.M. Monday, July 26, 2010 in the Lebanon Cemetery with Rev. Danny Graves officiating. Serving as escorts were family and friends. Services were under the direction of Memorial Chapels and Crematory.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Ruth Hawk and may be left at the funeral home.

Previous Events

Service

JUL **26**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Lebanon Cemetery
Lebanon, MO

Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Ruth Irene Hawk*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - July 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Ruth Irene Hawk*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *Our deepest sympathies.
Joe and Betty Matluck##imported-begin##Betty J.
Matluck##imported-end##*

July 31, 2010 at 07:03 PM



“ *Vicki and Bob...i know you took the best of care for your mother and she is now at rest##imported-begin##reggie zeigler##imported-end##*

July 31, 2010 at 02:58 PM



“ Vicki I am sorry to hear of your mothers passing. I am in Springfield now and my mom told me or I would not have known. Please know that she is in Gods care and things are so much better for her now. When I get to missing my dad and oldest sister what comforts me is know I WILL get to see them again. I hope this comforts you too!
Love, Melissa###imported-begin###melissa wagner
basford###imported-end##

July 26, 2010 at 09:59 PM



“ Grandma Hawk was the best grandma ever . . . she could make me laugh for days!! All morning I have had visions of butterscotch candies . . . her fridge full of magnets . . . and those cute little aprons she made for my soap dispenser in the kitchen . . . and oh yes those daps that followed us all the way hom ha ha!!This is how I want to remember my grandma!! Although my selfishness wishes she were still here to brighten my days . . . I know that she has ventured off to a much glorious place!! I love you more than you probably ever knew and am looking forward to seeing you again one day!!! I heart you forever . . . and will treasure the memories I have!!!

I thought of you with love today but that is nothing new

I thought about you yesterday and days before that too,

I think of you in silence I often speak your name

All I have are memories and your picture in a frame

Your memory is my keepsake with which I'll never part

God has you in His keeping I have you in my heart.##imported-begin##Stephanie Washam##imported-end##

July 26, 2010 at 12:08 PM



“ *I worked with Ruth and she was funny and made people laugh Ruth will be missed##imported-begin##SUE COVERT##imported-end##*

July 26, 2010 at 10:03 AM



“ Vicki so very sorry to hear of your Mothers passing, God bless you an family ,you an family are in my prayers,stay strong in your faith my friend,, God will give you the strength to endure all you're going through, an will bless you for the wonderful daughter you have been to your Mother, Remember I love You,God Bless You My Friend,, LYNN DANIELS in South Carolina##imported-begin##LYNN DANIELS##imported-end##

July 26, 2010 at 04:10 AM



“ My heart and thoughts are with you at this time . marlene sayre (jelli)##imported-begin##marlene sayre##imported-end##

July 26, 2010 at 03:50 AM



“ Vickie-Diane-Barbra-Veronica
I'm praying for you girls as you lost your Mother she was a great lady and I always enjoyed talking to her she loved her family more than anything.##imported-begin##Stephanie Fenton##imported-end##

July 24, 2010 at 05:51 PM



“ Just wanted to tell the family how sorry I am for their loss. I worked with Ruth at the Waynesville Nursing Center a long time ago and really enjoyed her sense of humor. She was a wonderful person. And Heavens going to be such a blast with her there.##imported-begin##janet york##imported-end##

July 23, 2010 at 06:42 PM



“ I'm so sorry to hear about the death of your mother. Our loss is heaven's gain.
You are in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Pamela Cox##imported-end##

July 23, 2010 at 02:56 PM



“ VICKI AND DIANNE.SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS ,YOUR MOM WAS A WONDERFUL WOMAN, GOD BLESS BOTH OF YOU AND YOUR SISTERS.##imported-begin##NORMA SMITH[BENCH MOTOR CO##imported-end##

July 23, 2010 at 02:28 PM