



Ruth Elaine Timpke

January 11, 1936 - April 29, 2018

Ruth Timpke, 82 of Ephrata passed away peacefully April 29, 2018 at Samaritan Hospital in Moses Lake, Washington.

Ruth was born in Minnesota to Jack and Theda, one of 14 children. Ruth was always surrounded by animals and loved her cats and dogs fiercely. Many of her stories of growing up included little antidotes of dogs and cats and she always had at least a few house cats, dogs and many strays that she fed on her porch.

One of the things that this hard working, sassy and strong lady impressed on her children and grandchildren was her outstanding work ethic, sometimes working two jobs. Ruth worked for many years in the bakery, restaurant and grocery store industry. She will be remembered for her feisty and generous spirit and her capacity to not only survive many hardships but to flourish despite them.

Ruth is survived by her children James O'Daniel of Spokane, Marty Nelson and husband Shannon of Ephrata, Joyce Harmon and Husband Cliff of Ephrata, John Goggin of Ephrata, Jennifer Bewick and Husband Dave of Coulee Coulee City, Melinda Steiner and Husband Keven of Wenatchee; step daughters Angie D'avino and Husband Bob of Gig Harbor, Melissa Aragon of Port Orchard, Carol Jahn and Husband Eric of Port Orchard; Grandchildren Alisa, Justin, Danny, Mandy, John, Mike, Amity, Sean, Josh, Joey, Breana, Amber, Brandie, Miranda, Quinten, Shayla, Kylie, Micah, Garrett, Gabriel, Grant and 23 great grandchildren.

Ruth was preceded in death by her parents, seven of her siblings, her husband Glenn Timpke and great granddaughter Jayda. Services will be held at Nicoles Funeral Home in Ephrata at 1:00 P.M. Friday, May 4, 2018 with graveside services following.

Cemetery Details

Ephrata City Cemetery

333 E St. S.W.
Ephrata, WA

Previous Events

Service

MAY 4. 1:00 PM (PT)

Nicoles Funeral Home
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Tribute Wall



“ *Nicoles Funeral Home and Valley View Memorial Park created a Tribute Video in memory of Ruth Elaine Timpke*



Nicoles Funeral Home and Valley View Memorial Park - May 04, 2018 at 12:12 PM



“ *When I had a salon in Ephrata, Ruth was a client of mine. I am so sorry to hear she passed away. I enjoyed her stories. I still have the cute little kitties she gave me on my shelf. RIP dear*

Shawn Witchev Lesko - June 05, 2018 at 01:46 PM

SV

“ *So sorry to hear of your loss. ❤️*

Sigrid Vira - May 03, 2018 at 11:23 PM

SP

“ *Susie Michaliszyn Page lit a candle in memory of Ruth Elaine Timpke*



Susie Michaliszyn page - May 02, 2018 at 07:04 PM

PB

“ I am thankful over all these years that I had a chance to get to know Ruth. Blessings and peace to her family during this difficult time.

Pamela Bewick - May 02, 2018 at 02:59 PM

JB

Thank you Pam

Jennifer Bewick - May 02, 2018 at 06:01 PM

PB

“ Pamela Bewick lit a candle in memory of Ruth Elaine Timpke



Pamela Bewick - May 02, 2018 at 02:58 PM

BN

“ My grandma was a feisty Little thing that had spunk that was out of this world. If you had the pleasure of knowing her you knew she was stubborn but had a heart of gold. I will always remember grandma and her sense of fashion for her age. All of us girls in the family got our love for shopping for shoes and clothes from her. Grandma always had her own witty sense of humor that would make you laugh that often followed by tears from laughing so hard. Grandma there isn't a day that will go by that you aren't missed here on Earth but I'm happy to know you are with Grandpa and Jayda smiling down on us all. Rip Grandma. I love you.

Brandie Nelson - May 02, 2018 at 12:59 PM



Aunt Ruth will be missed greatly it like losing my mom all over again. all my love to the rest of my Family. i remember her laugh. she was always smiling and laughing

patricia j mohl (Durham) - May 02, 2018 at 06:38 PM