



Ruth Rochelle

August 30, 1939 - January 5, 2021

Ruth Rochelle, 81, died from COVID-19 on January 5 at Eastern New Mexico Medical Center in Roswell, New Mexico. She was born August 30, 1939 in Muskogee, Oklahoma, the daughter of Richard Frank and Reba M. Heck.

Ruth graduated from Eastern New Mexico University with a master's degree in Psychology and then worked thirty years as a Rehabilitation Counselor; first for the State of New Mexico and then in private practice. She made many friends along the way.

Ruth married her longtime sweetheart, William Everett Rochelle on October 20, 1959 in Arkansas City, Kansas. They had four children, William Edward, Sabrina Michelle, Elizabeth Rhea and Richard Daniel. In 2005 they retired to Lake Havasu City, Arizona where they spent 15 happy years. In 2019, they celebrated their 60th anniversary with friends and family in Lake Havasu City, Arizona and shortly after returned to Roswell, New Mexico to be with their son, Danny, his wife Liz, and other family.

She was active in several churches including New Hope Church in Lake Havasu City and Berrendo Baptist Church in Roswell. Ruth spent as much as her leisure time as possible sewing and belonged to several sewing groups. She brightened many people's lives with her carefully crafted gifts.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by a sister, Marilee and her oldest son, Eddie Rochelle. Surviving in addition to her husband, Everett, are her daughters (Sabrina and Beth) and her son (Danny) and their loving spouses. Ruth and Everett were blessed with eleven grandchildren and currently have eleven great grandchildren. All have been a source of great pride.

Ruth's mortal remains were cremated by Anderson Bethany in Roswell and will later be spread by her family per her instructions. At this time, a memorial service is not planned due to Covid-19, but your notes of remembrance would be greatly appreciated. The family asks that in lieu of flowers you donate to the Alzheimer's Association or first responders to honor those who cared for her at the end.

Comments



“ The Rochelle's lived across the street from my family. Spent a lot of time talking to Ruth in front yard or on the porch. Wonderful lady. God speed.

Karen schwarz - January 15 at 11:40 PM



“ Rest in peace Aunt Ruth. Much love to my cou8and Uncle Junior. Aunt Ruth always had words of wisdom.

Pam Penn - January 12 at 07:08 PM



“ Jamie Dean lit a candle in memory of Ruth Rochelle



Jamie Dean - January 12 at 02:53 PM



“ So sorry to hear about your passing, Ruth, heaven has gained another angel. So enjoyed the times we shared about our sewing machines and our lunch dates. You will be missed and our thoughts and prayers go out to your children and Everett. In Gods Love, Gary and Sharon Steinbach

sharon Steinbach - January 12 at 11:27 AM



“ To Everett & family. I have known Ruth since we were young girls at 1st Baptist Church & elementary, Jr High & High School in Arkalalah & at the class reunions in Ark City. I will miss not being able to see & visit with them. Ruth always made me laugh. She had the driest sense of humor. May God give you strength & courage through the coming days.

Gaye Baker - January 14 at 04:19 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Ruth



Liz Rochelle - January 12 at 10:42 AM



“ I am so sorry for you loss! You are in my thoughts and prayers. Ruth was a very special lady and I loved her so much. May the good Lord comfort you during this time.

Deana Proctor - January 12 at 10:34 AM



“ Irma Dutchover lit a candle in memory of Ruth Rochelle



Irma Dutchover - January 11 at 07:39 PM



“ DANNY and Liz.
Here's sending my condolences. The Lord will comfort you during this time.

Sylvia Calzada - January 11 at 07:31 PM