



Mary I. Ruth

August 2, 1925 - December 24, 2018

Ashburnham: Mary I. (Grimes) Ruth, 93, of Ashburnham, died Monday, December 24, 2018 at her residence.

Her husband of 56 years, Joseph B. Ruth, Jr., died in September 2010.

Mrs. Ruth was born in Gloucester, August 2, 1925, a daughter of Arthur J. and Mary (Murphy) Grimes and moved to Ashburnham 52 years ago.

She was a 1943 graduate of Gloucester High School. She received her Bachelors Degree from Emmanuel College in Boston and later her Masters Degree from Salem State College. For 17 years Mrs. Ruth worked as the Executive Director of Gardner Red Cross Chapter. Prior to that she worked at New England Telephone. Towards the end of her working career, Mrs. Ruth Real Estate broker for Diane Dimacale Real Estate in Ashburnham.

She was a member of St. Denis Church in Ashburnham. She enjoyed quilting and donated her quilts to many worthwhile charities.

She leaves two sons, Joseph B. Ruth III and his wife, Mary Jane of Townsend, James A. Ruth of Gardner; three daughters, Eileen C. Cusick and her husband, John, of Springfield, Mary Ellen Cancellieri of Gardner and Kathleen M. Jackson her significant other, Carl Laplante of Templeton; her longtime

friend and roommate, Amy Landry of Ashburnham; 14 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

She was the mother of the late John Ruth who died in 1956 and the sister of the late Leo Grimes of Melrose and Dr. Arthur Grimes of Ipswich.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated 11 AM Saturday, December 29, 2018 at St. Denis Church, 85 Main Street, Ashburnham.

Calling hours are 4-7 PM Friday at the Isabelle & Anderson Funeral Home, 316 Clarendon Street, Fitchburg. Please see www.andersonfuneral.com for additional information or to leave an on line condolence.

Prayers of committal will be offered 11 AM Monday, December 31, 2018 at Calvary Cemetery, 151 Eastern Avenue, Gloucester.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

151 Eastern Avenue
Gloucester, MA

Previous Events

Calling Hours

DEC 28. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Isabelle & Anderson Funeral Home - Fitchburg
316 Clarendon Street
Fitchburg, MA 01420
(978) 343-4407

Funeral Mass

DEC 29. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Denis Church
85 Main Street
Ashburnham, MA

Tribute Wall

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“ To Joe and James, Mary Ellen, Eileen and Kathy- I don't have to tell you just how much Mary meant to me, especially after I lost my Mom in December 2017. The field trips that Mary and I took last summer and fall will always occupy a permanent place in my heart. Thanks to the five of you for letting me “borrow” your beloved mother for these trips. We had a great time each and every time. And I know that I am a better person because I knew and loved Mary. She was like a second mother to me and I cherish each and every moment that I spent with her. She and my Mom were the best of friends, and after Mom was gone, Mary became my bestie too. Til we are reunited again, Mary- I love you and miss you. Try not to stir things up too much in Heaven. With you and my Mom together again, things may get a bit exciting. Love you, my Little Cutie.

LuAnn Thibodeau - December 28, 2018 at 09:44 PM



“ Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Mary I. Ruth.



December 28, 2018 at 12:51 PM

SA

“ To Mary-Ellen and Family:

We are saddened at the passing of your beautiful Mom. She lit up the room with her smile, and anyone who knew your Mom was blessed by her kind and caring nature, and certainly her sense of humor.

Please know we will miss Mary and will keep you and your whole family in our thoughts during this difficult time of loss.

Sarah and Andre Arel

Sarah Arel - December 28, 2018 at 12:36 PM

RH

“ To the Ruth Family,

I am so sorry to hear of Mary's passing. She was truly a remarkable woman. It was a great gift to know her. She was a woman of great kindness, and you could feel the joy radiate from her. Mary and Joe both gave you a special gift in their good example, and the love they held for you. Please know that she will be in my Mass tomorrow, I wish I could be with you to celebrate her wonderful life. You also will be in my prayers.

Father John Horgan

Rev. John Horgan - December 28, 2018 at 10:36 AM



“ *Simply Lily was purchased for the family of Mary I. Ruth.*



December 27, 2018 at 12:12 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Mary I. Ruth.*



December 27, 2018 at 11:37 AM



“ *so sorry to hear of your loss, my heart and prayers go out to you all.
Jon fletcher*

jon fletcher - December 27, 2018 at 09:38 AM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Mary I. Ruth.*



December 27, 2018 at 08:57 AM



“ *IM so sorry for your lose. My heart goes out to the Ruth family. Your in my thoughts and prayers.*

Mike Gleason - December 27, 2018 at 04:27 AM

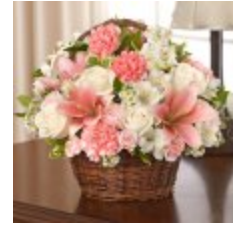


“ *May God be with all of Ruth's family and friends during this time of sorrow.*

Brenda Lashua - December 26, 2018 at 01:22 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Pink and White was purchased for the family of Mary I. Ruth.*



December 26, 2018 at 10:41 AM



“ *To her family. Mary was truly a lovely person. I worked with her at NET and she made everyday fun. RIP Mary*

Rosir - December 25, 2018 at 06:09 AM