



Mrs. Ruth M. Donovan

April 27, 1931 - June 13, 2016

Ruth M. Donovan, 85, of Pekin formerly of Mason City, was called to be with her Lord and beloved husband Ronnie. She passed away at 11:17 AM on Monday, June 13, 2016 at Hallmark House in Pekin.

She was born April 27, 1931 in San Jose to Raymond and Emma (Hoeft) Diers. She married Samuel Rondell "Ronnie" Donovan on June 27, 1948 in San Jose at St. Luke's Lutheran Church. Ronnie preceded her in death on July 2, 1997 in Mason City. In addition to her husband, brothers Bob Diers and Don Diers and one granddaughter Gail Lynn Donovan, preceded her in death. She is survived by her son Steve (Bev) Donovan of Groveland and her daughter Kathy (Denny) Donovan of Pekin, 4 grandchildren: Jenny (Jason) Sloan, Shauna (Dane) Segler, Jackie (Greg) Padesky and Sean (Jen) Donovan and 9 great-grandchildren.

Ruth was a member of First Christian Church in Mason City where she served as Deaconess, taught Sunday school, served on the church board and worked with the youth groups. She was recently attending Christ Lutheran Church in Mason City. She was past member of the Mason City Woman's Club and Mason County HCE.

Her greatest loves were her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was always asking "How are the littles ones"? She spent many hours with friends playing Pinochle and Dominos. She was a kind and gentle soul and she will be missed by all who knew her and loved her.

A Funeral service will be held on Friday, June 17, 2016 at 12 Noon at Hurley

Funeral Home in Mason City, 603 East Chestnut St. Mason City, IL, with Pastor Joe Briseno officiating, burial to follow at Mason City Cemetery. Her family will greet friends from 10 AM until the time of service at Noon also at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to Shriners Hospital's for Children or Mason City Christian Church. Hurley Funeral Home in Mason City is in charge of the arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Mason City Cemetery

Mason City, IL 62664

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 17. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Hurley Funeral Home - Mason City
603 East Chestnut
Mason City, IL 62664
(217) 482-5959
<https://www.hurleyfh.com/>

Funeral

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Ruth M. Donavan*

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *I just heard of Ruth's passing. I have such fond memories of visiting her when I was a pastor at the church in Mason City. She missed Ronnie dearly and longed to be with him again. Ruth went with us on a trip to Europe back around 1997 or 98. She loved traveling, and even though it was hard for her, she went walking around the city of Lucerne with us while we visited the medieval towers in the city walls. She was a wonderful lady, and we will miss her. But maybe when we get to heaven, she'll give us a tour!*

*Blessings,
Bill and Gwen Boyce*

Bill Boyce - July 07, 2016 at 01:50 PM

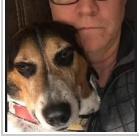


“ *I'm so sorry to hear of the passing of Ruth. She was a dear and close friend of my mother for as long as I can remember. We would have been at Ruth's funeral for Steve & Kathy and there family's if we had of known of this sad news. We don't get the Mason City Banner Times. Thinking of you in our Prayers in the days to come.*



Sending our Love, Bill & Nancy Mangold

Bill Mangold - June 18, 2016 at 02:23 PM



“ Bruce Allen lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth M. Donavan



Bruce Allen - June 15, 2016 at 11:46 AM

SP

“ Kathy & Steve & families, so sorry to hear about your Mother, she was a very lovely lady and enjoyed working with her, thoughts and prayers to the family

Shirley Proctor - June 15, 2016 at 09:18 AM

VB

“ Vickie Bagby lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth M. Donavan



Vickie Bagby - June 15, 2016 at 07:38 AM

BS

“ Sorry for your loss Bert & Pauline Sanders

bert sanders - June 15, 2016 at 07:06 AM

TH

“ Kathy so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Jim and Tracy Horn

tracy horn - June 14, 2016 at 10:11 PM

DM

“ *Deepest sympathies. I know my mom always enjoyed playing dominoes with your mom (and with you Kathy). She always said how much fun it was.*

Prayers

Darlene Miller (Norma Seward's daughter)

Darlene Miller - June 14, 2016 at 04:43 PM