



## Ruth Ann "Boots" Kaiser

September 23, 1942 - December 18, 2020

Ruth Ann "Boots" Kaiser, 78, of Carbondale, Illinois, passed away on Friday, December 18, 2020, at Manor Court Nursing Home in Carbondale. She was born on September 23, 1942, in Petersburg, Illinois, the daughter of William and Freda (Brockman) Dirks. She married Ken Kaiser at the St. Paul Church of Christ in Petersburg in 1974.

Boots earned a degree at Southern Illinois University in education. Ruth taught 6th grade then worked as an administrative assistant for the Vice President of Cummins Allison Corporation until she retired. She loved spending time with her family, friends, traveling, garden clubs, and crafting.

Boots is survived by her husband, Ken; a brother, Edward (wife Carol) Dirks a niece and nephew, Jodi and Peter all of Makanda, Illinois; a foster-brother, Bryce Monroe (wife Roszeta Lynn) of Petersburg, Illinois;

Boots was preceded in death by her parents.

A visitation will be held on Tuesday, December 22, 2020, from 12 pm to 1 pm at Hurley Funeral Home in Petersburg, Illinois. A graveside service will immediately follow, with Rev. Rick Pierce officiating, at Oakland Cemetery in Petersburg.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, Tennessee 38105-9959. Please visit [hurleyfh.com](http://hurleyfh.com) to leave online condolences for the family as well as share memories.

# Cemetery Details

## Oakland Cemetery

Petersburg, IL

# Previous Events

## Viewing

DEC **22**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Hurley Funeral Home - Petersburg  
122 West Douglas Avenue  
Petersburg, IL 62675  
(217) 632-2500  
<https://www.hurleyfh.com/>

## Graveside Service

DEC **22**. 1:15 PM (CT)

Oakland Cemetery  
Petersburg, IL

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ruth Ann "Boots" Kaiser*

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *Sorry for your loss. Boots was well known in the Chicago Metropolitan Ski Council. She will be missed.*

**Randy Baustert** - December 27, 2020 at 07:18 PM



“ *Dear Ken, We never met, but please accept my deepest sympathy with the loss of your beloved Boots. We were both part of the wonderful circle of friends at SIU back in the 60's. She was always such a JOY to be with. May she rest in peace. Sincerely, Bob Masini*

**Bob L Masini** - December 24, 2020 at 02:55 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ruth Ann "Boots" Kaiser.*



December 22, 2020 at 12:46 PM

DN

“ Dear Ken,  
We are so sorry for your loss. As you know,  
Boots and I go back a long time. I miss her so  
much already. May you be comforted by all  
the wonderful memories you and Boots  
shared. May she Rest In Peace.  
Darts and Norm Musur



Darlene and Norm - December 22, 2020 at 11:22 AM

RP

“ I have a picture of myself, Beats, & Boots in our bathing suits from  
one of our times at Crab Orchard. Brings back lots of good  
memories such as the time she was skiing & lost her top.

Ruth Pingsterhaus - December 22, 2020 at 10:38 AM

RP

“ Ruth Pingsterhaus lit a candle in memory of  
Ruth Ann "Boots" Kaiser



Ruth Pingsterhaus - December 22, 2020 at 10:33 AM

NC

“ Norm & Gloria Claussen lit a candle in  
memory of Ruth Ann "Boots" Kaiser



Norm & Gloria Claussen - December 22, 2020 at 09:34 AM

LM

“ *Lorie Monroe lit a candle in memory of Ruth Ann "Boots" Kaiser*



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**Lorie Monroe** - December 21, 2020 at 07:06 PM