



## Ruth Ann Sampson

June 22, 1939 - September 4, 2021

Ruth Ann (Kruse) Sampson, 82, of rural Petersburg, Illinois, died September 4, 2021, at Memorial Medical Center, Springfield, Illinois. She was born June 22, 1939, to Ben and Gertie Kruse of Newmansville, Illinois. She attended Newmansville Grade School and Chandlerville High School. While attending school, she was active in helping on the family farm, 4-H, and learned to play the accordion. She graduated in 1960 from Passavant School of Nursing in Jacksonville, Illinois, where she established lifetime friendships with her classmates. She married Robert Sampson on November 21, 1965, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Petersburg.

Ruth Ann worked at Jacksonville State Hospital for five years. Then she was the first head nurse for the newly opened Menard Convalescent Center in Petersburg for three years. After putting her career on hold to raise her children, she renewed her passion for nursing at the Menard County Health Department as a home visit nurse. She finished her career as a psychiatric nurse at Andrew McFarland Mental Health Center in Springfield, from where she retired after 16 years. Overall, she was certified as a Registered Nurse for 61 years. She volunteered for the American Cancer Society and at the Menard County Fair for many summers in the health department building, taking blood pressures and providing first aid. She served as the parish nurse for Central Presbyterian Church for many years.

Ruth Ann also had a passion for gardening, with flower and vegetable gardens and fruit trees that she tended with much care. She was a long-time

member of the Menard County Garden Club and Menard County Home Extension, holding leadership roles with each. Ruth Ann also judged exhibits for the annual 4-H fair. When not gardening, she could often be found helping her husband farm, cooking, teaching Sunday School and Vacation Bible School, or swimming at the PORTA high school pool. She was a life-long member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church and attended Central Presbyterian Church of Petersburg. She loved to travel, making trips to Germany, Holland, Alaska, Hawaii, and destinations across the continental U.S.

Ruth Ann is survived by her husband, Robert Sampson of Petersburg, children Blake Sampson of Springfield, Barbara Sampson of Petersburg, Barry (Karyn) Sampson of Sherman, grandchildren Matthew Sampson and Alexa Sampson, a brother Curt Kruse of Petersburg, nieces Kyla Kruse, Cara (Clifton) Martel, and Megan (Aaron) Howard, and nephew Trent Kruse, as well as a great-niece, great-nephews and cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents, granddaughter Olivia Sampson, and niece Jenna Kruse.

A visitation will be held on Thursday, September 9, 2021, from 9 am to 10 am at Hurley Funeral Home in Petersburg. A graveside service will follow at Rose Hill Cemetery in Petersburg beginning at 10:15 a.m. with Pastor Jeffrey Gross officiating. There will be a celebration of life planned and announced at a later date. Donations in her memory can be made to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Central Presbyterian Church of Petersburg or the American Cancer Society. Hurley Funeral Home in Petersburg, Illinois, is assisting Ruth Ann's family with final arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Rose Hill Cemetery

Petersburg, IL 62675

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 9. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ruth Ann Sampson*

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *Belated sympathy to Ruth Ann's family. She will be remembered as a Chandlerville Alumni and enjoyed her presence at the banquets. Sincerely, Milton and Hazel Edge*

**Milton and Hazel Edge** - September 15, 2021 at 12:21 PM



“ *A wonderful family....Ruth Ann will be missed. --Ben Kiningham*



**Ben Kiningham** - September 09, 2021 at 12:03 PM



“ *Bob and Family, Sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and 🙏.*



**Tom and Donna Schaddel** - September 09, 2021 at 08:42 AM

HR

“ Mrs. Sampson was a very kind, caring person with a calming presence. I am very sorry for your loss. Sending condolences to the entire Sampson family.  
Heather McCombs Reeves

Heather Reeves - September 08, 2021 at 09:49 PM

JA

“ Ruth Ann has faced life's trials and tribulations through the strength of her faith. Her life is an inspiration for those who knew her. -- Joan Sampson Anderson

Joan Anderson - September 08, 2021 at 10:52 AM

LH

“ Larry And Mary Hundt sent a virtual gift in memory of Ruth Ann Sampson



Larry and Mary Hundt - September 08, 2021 at 08:14 AM

BB

“ I will miss Ruth Ann. She had such a sweet and caring way about her. I've gotten to know her from water aerobic at the Porta pool over the years. You are missed Ruth Ann

Becky Bergner - September 08, 2021 at 12:08 AM

RS

“ *Ron & Susie Sanert lit a candle in memory of Ruth Ann Sampson*



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**Ron & Susie Sanert** - September 07, 2021 at 10:30 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ruth Ann Sampson.*



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September 07, 2021 at 10:03 PM

CG

“ *Dear Bob and family,  
RuthAnn was a truly thoughtful and loving person. I don't think I ever saw her angry. I remember many adult Sunday school classes with her and Bob. She would listen and then tell her views which usually hit the mark. She will be missed by so many. Prayers for you all.  
Cindy and John Godbey*

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**Cindy Godbey** - September 07, 2021 at 09:58 PM

MM

“ *Will miss seeing Ruthann in church. Ruthann was such a nice, devoted Christian woman. Rest In Peace Ruthann.  
Paul, Marilyn Montgomery*

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**marilyn montgomery** - September 07, 2021 at 09:10 PM