



Ruth Ann (See) Wise

July 22, 1943 - June 9, 2020

Ruth Ann (See) Wise, 76, of Springfield, Illinois, passed away at her home on Tuesday, June 9, 2020. She was born on July 22, 1943, the daughter of Raymond and Laura (Fuller) See in Des Moines, Iowa.

Ruth graduated from East High School in Des Moines the class of 1962. She married Robert Wise in 1968. They were married for 25 years before divorcing but remained good friends until his death in 2014. During her marriage, she lived in Omaha and Lincoln, Nebraska, before settling in Galesburg, Illinois. She was a stay at home mother while raising her daughter, Sarah, until she graduated from high school. She then worked at Seminary Manor, Carl Sandburg Birthplace and belonged to the Welcome Newcomers Club for many years. She moved back to Des Moines in 1997 to the home she grew up in and began working for Fabric Care Center along with spending time with her sister, Mareah. She moved back to Galesburg in 2003 to be close to her daughter and began working at the 4-L Plaza Laundry. After retiring, she moved to Springfield, Illinois, in 2014, where her daughter had moved.

Ruth loved to plant flowers in her garden, cross stitching, was a food lover and also loved her coffee. Most of all, she loved spending all the time she could with her family because they meant the world to her and they will definitely miss her smile.

Ruth is survived by her daughter, Sarah (husband Jamie) Sipes of Petersburg, Illinois; two grandchildren, Tyler (companion Zack) and Ariel Sipes of Petersburg; a niece, Laurie (husband Stan) Nevins and her family of Des Moines, Iowa; a nephew, Neil Weese of Des Moines; a brother in law, Larry Weese of Des Moines; her extended family, Richard Sipes, Megan Coziahr, Mathew Coziahr and Michelle and Joe Kidder; and her faithful dog companion of 17 years, Sophie.

Ruth was preceded in death by her parents and her sister, Mareah Weese.

Ruth's family would like to give a special thank you to the caregiver's that meant so much to her and took great care of her, Sharon McConnell, Elaine Tarvine and Kinze Hughes.

Ruth's family will be hosting a Celebration of Life at a later date that will be announced when the date and time is determined. Memorial contributions in Ruth's name may be made to the Animal Protective League in Springfield, Illinois, which is an organization that was close to her heart.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ruth Ann (See) Wise*

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *Ruth was such a special lady. She was so loving and kind to me. I will always have kind memories of her. I loved making her laugh! She had a great laugh and warm smile. Rest In Peace and love Ruth! Love to you and your family Sarah!*

Annette Marshall - June 12, 2020 at 11:54 PM



She adored you ❤️ so many great memories!

Sarah sipes - July 22, 2020 at 10:09 PM



“ *Sara, James, and Family*

My wife and I are so very sorry for your loss. She was a great neighbor to us and we will especially miss her smiling and waving to us every morning thru her kitchen window when we would leave to take my wife to work. Rest in Peace Ruth!!

Dave & Taffy Maskey

Dave & Taffy Maskey - June 12, 2020 at 01:09 PM



Thank you both so much ❤️

Sarah sipes - July 22, 2020 at 10:08 PM

SB

“ Deep condolences from the old time members of the Welcome Newcomers Club of Galesburg, IL. Jeanne Struble, Sandi Brinig, Kris Smith, Mary Lou Lindberg, Marla Miskell, Brenda Wilson, Mary Lou Cochrane, Fran Ploessl, Sally Kohl and Marie McElvaine.

Sandi Brinig - June 11, 2020 at 04:25 PM



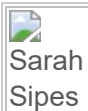
Thank you so much. Mom and I had so much fun with you all ❤️. Lots of great memories!

Sarah Sipes - June 11, 2020 at 06:59 PM

JS

“ So sorry for your loss! Wish I could be there to give you a hug, but since that isn't possible I will send one 'air mail'. Thinking of your family and sending prayers of comfort your way.

Janet Sipes - June 11, 2020 at 01:14 PM



Thank you so much ❤️ air mail hug back at you!

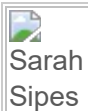
Sarah Sipes - June 11, 2020 at 07:05 PM

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“ Sara, James and family

Was so sorry to hear about your mother. Just wanted you to know that I was thinking of your family at this time.

Clara Klauzer - June 11, 2020 at 09:18 AM



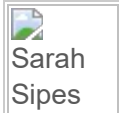
Thank you so much ❤️

Sarah Sipes - June 11, 2020 at 07:04 PM

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“ *Ruth always had a kind word and a smile. Her calm nature was refreshing to be near. I will remember her fondly! I'm sending my love.*

Tiffany Shoemaker - June 11, 2020 at 12:36 AM



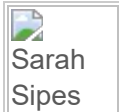
Thank you so much ❤️

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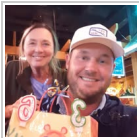
“ *My beautiful lady. Thank you for giving me the pleasure of taking care of you. You made me laugh until I cried and mad at times but most of all you gave me your love. You are an AMAZING lady and I will never forget you. Thank you.*

Sharon McConnell - June 10, 2020 at 09:56 PM



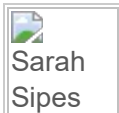
Thank you for taking such good care of her. There will never be enough words to tell you all how grateful we are.

Sarah Sipes - June 11, 2020 at 07:02 PM



“ *One of the truly sweetest people I've ever met. Ruth will be missed.*

Carol Evans - June 10, 2020 at 08:21 PM



Thank you so much ❤️

Sarah Sipes - June 11, 2020 at 07:03 PM

TO

*Sarah and family,
I was so sad to learn of Ruth's passing. She was a wonderful friend to my Mom, Jeanne, in Galesburg. Ruth was such a sweet lady. I remember she would always sign greeting cards - Ruth, Ruth Wise. Ruth, Ruth Wise, Rest In Peace.
Thoughts and prayers are with you all.
Trinette Struble Olin*

trinette olin - June 13, 2020 at 11:14 AM

SS

Thank you much Trinette. Our Mothers sure had some wonderful times together ❤️

Sarah sipes - July 22, 2020 at 10:08 PM