



Ruth I. Swartzbaugh

May 12, 1916 - September 9, 2017

Ruth I. Swartzbaugh, 101, formerly of Bushnell, Pontiac and then Havana, Illinois, died on September 9, 2017 at Roseville Rehab after moving there in July 2015. She was born in Grand Forks, ND, in May 1916 and moved to Good Hope, IL, when she was young. She met Richard Swartzbaugh when she was a member of a softball team and was married in June 1936. She is survived by four daughters, Linda (Gene) McGrew of Bushnell, IL; Sarah (Bob, deceased) Oswalt of Elkhorn, Nebraska; Ruth Anne (Ken) Beaty of Havana, IL; and Jan (John) Boyle of Bourbonnais, IL. Also surviving are 11 grandchildren, Ellen McGrew, Dan McGrew, Natalie McGrew Mahler, Kurt Oswalt, Kevin Oswalt, Shelly Oswalt Gleason, Shawn Beaty, Derek Beaty, Cheris Beaty, Carie Boyle Bellamy and Amanda Boyle Salgado, 22 great-grandchildren and 13 great-great-grandchildren. Preceding her in death were her parents, husband, Dick in January 1996, one sister, Opal Chipman and four brothers, Harold, Gaylord, Keith and Shirley Boote.

She was a homemaker until living in Pontiac, where she worked at St. James Hospital in the cafeteria. When in Havana, she worked for Jack O'Bryant, Jack Steele and Ruthie Budyn at Nu-Way Laundry, DuRite Laundry and later White and Brite, until her retirement in 1998. She was a member of Havana First United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women and was a life-time member of Eastern Star. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great and great-great-grandmother.

Funeral services will be held at her church, First UMC in Havana on Friday,

September 15, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. with visitation one hour prior to the services. Burial will follow the services at Laurel Hill Cemetery in Havana. Rev. Jame Hahs will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be made to her church or Roseville Rehab and Health Care in Roseville, IL. Online memorial messages may be left for the family at www.hurleyfh.com.

Hurley Funeral Home in Havana is in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **15**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church - Havana
101 S. Broadway
Havana, IL 62644
(309) 543-4725

Funeral

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Tribute Wall



“ Hurley Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ruth I. Swartzbaugh



Hurley Funeral Home - September 14, 2017 at 10:27 AM



“ Ruth I. Swartzbaugh

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ Our condolences Roger & Lisa Thompson



Lisa Jill Ulrich Thompson - September 28, 2017 at 12:37 PM



“ So thankful I was able to get to know this beautiful lady! Heaven is now a brighter place with Ruth there! Treasure your wonderful memories. Praying for all of you.
Sandy Campbell

Sandy Campbell - September 15, 2017 at 10:33 AM

EL

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Ellen - September 13, 2017 at 09:31 PM

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Ellen - September 13, 2017 at 07:27 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Ruth I. Swartzbaugh.*



September 13, 2017 at 04:17 PM

MS

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time. May God surround you with His love.*

Veta Harper, Kathy Waters, Marilyn Smith, Debbie Derry, Melinda Horton, and Families

Marilyn Smith - September 13, 2017 at 09:00 AM

EL

“ *Not many people are lucky enough to have a grandma in their life for 51 years. What a blessing!* ”



Ellen - September 12, 2017 at 12:50 PM



“ *We are sorry to hear about the loss of your mom. I always remember her as a happy cheerful lady. Keith and Debbie Swartzbaugh* ”

Keith Swartzbaugh - September 11, 2017 at 10:13 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall* ”



John Boyle - September 11, 2017 at 09:30 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall* ”



John Boyle - September 11, 2017 at 09:16 PM

KD

This is an amazing picture. Thank you for sharing!!!

Kristi Duncan - September 12, 2017 at 11:46 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Ruth I. Swartzbaugh.*



September 11, 2017 at 04:42 PM

MG

“ *Jan and John, Our sincere sympathies on the passing of your mother. I'm sure she was a wonderful mother, since she raised a wonderful daughter. May the Lord and your memories comfort you in the coming days. Marcia and Clif Gray. (John's friend from HS)*

marcia obman gray - September 11, 2017 at 02:08 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ruth I. Swartzbaugh.*



September 11, 2017 at 02:03 PM

PS

“ *Paul And Susan Showalter lit a candle in
memory of Ruth I. Swartzbaugh*



Paul and Susan Showalter - September 11, 2017 at 01:55 PM