



Mrs. Ruth M. Coan

December 10, 1943 - August 21, 2020

Ruth Marie (Blank) Coan, 76 of Kalkaska, MI passed away on August 21, 2020 surrounded by her children and grandchildren due to injuries sustained in a house fire the morning of August 19, 2020. She was born to the late Theodore and Irene (Wanger) Blank on December 10, 1943 in Olney, IL. Ruth was one of eight children.

Ruth and her late husband Phillip enjoyed hosting the National Trout Festival children's trout pond at their home the last weekend in April. This year would have been the 14th year they would have hosted. Yellow roses were her favorite flower and she enjoyed canning with her daughters or playing Shanghai with the family.

Ruth was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother. Ruth is survived by her son, Vern (Lori) Coan, of Kalkaska; daughters, Robin (George) Gipson, of Merrillville, Indiana, and Lois (Jim) Nation, of Kalkaska; grandchildren, Chadwick Duran, Alicia Thayer, of Fife Lake; Gavin Coan, Levi Nation, Garrett Coan, Katherine Nation and Nicholas Coan, all of Kalkaska; great grandchildren, Eli Thayer, Lucas Thayer, Margaret Thayer-Duran of Fife Lake; siblings, Rosemary Wilkinson, Margaret Blank of New Harmony, IN; Theresa (John) Bowlby, Paul (Clara) Blank of Olney, IL; brother in law and sister in law, Lawrence and Janice Coan of Mancelona, MI, and several nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Phillip E. Coan; daughter, Margaret “Peggy” S. Duran; mother, Irene (Wagner) Blank; father, Theodore Blank; brothers, Robert Blank, Daniel Blank, Ronald Blank; and numerous brothers and sisters-in-law.

A celebration of Life service will be held on Saturday September 26, 2020 in Kalkaska MI at St Mary’s of the Woods Catholic Church from 10 am to 1pm.

Services will be at 10:00 a.m., a small luncheon will immediately follow until 1:00 p.m.

Church services will require a mask, with the luncheon held outside at the pavilion on premise.

In Lieu of flowers the family is accepting donations to help rebuild.

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Arrangements provided by Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home. Our Family Serving Yours.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Ruth M. Coan*

January 30, 2023 at 04:02 AM



“ *Mrs. Ruth M. Coan*

January 30, 2023 at 01:03 AM



“ *I am sorry to learn of Ruth's passing, and also, of the fire. Such a warm and caring person Ruth was, and so proud of her family. Family meant so much to her. Ruth was a very dear friend to so many and she will be deeply missed by her family and friends. I met Ruth and Phil shortly after they moved here. I always enjoyed conversing with Ruth. My deepest sympathy to her family! I urge each of you to hold your memories close and draw on them, as they do help. I know you have many. Thank you for sharing the pictures. That smile is so Ruth!! A very lovely person. May she rest in peace. God Bless!!*

Patty Rodgers - September 20, 2020 at 12:17 PM



“ *To a wonderful sister, who I will miss very, very much. I am sorry I never made it to Michigan. I always tried to see you every time you came to Illinois or to our sisters in New Harmony. I was known to be the crazy sister. I loved to make people smile , so I acted crazy to make them laugh. You will be in my heart forever. You are with Phillip, Margaret (Peggy), our parents, and our brothers in Heaven now. I am not ready to see you again, but someday I will see you all again. That is if God lets to come there. I LOVE YOU, SIS.*

Theresa Bowlby - September 04, 2020 at 11:12 PM

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Robin Gipson - September 04, 2020 at 10:02 AM

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Phillip and Ruth Coan - 10/26/1962

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I am Ruth's niece, Sherry (Blank) Gaa. Aunt Ruth was always extremely kind and loving to me. She loved and valued family above all else. I am sorry that I didn't get to spend more time with her. My deepest sympathy goes to her children and grandchildren. Ruth will be deeply missed.

Sherry Gas - September 06, 2020 at 09:51 AM