



Ruth Irene James

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God called his daughter Ruth I. James home on May 13, 2024. She died of natural causes in Salt Lake City, Utah. She loved the Lord with all her heart and soul. She felt Gods presence on a daily basis and went where the Lord called her in life.

Ruth wanted you to know she had a great life. Ruth Irene Johnson was born on September 29, 1958 in Helena, Montana to Andy C. and Vera Johnson. She grew up and attended school in the Townsend area.

Upon finishing high school in 1978, she went to work at Townsend State Bank as a teller/filer. While working one, day a co-worker told her to yell when she got done filing. When she finished and did as she was instructed and yelled, she scared everyone. They thought someone was robbing the bank!

Her next adventure in life was to go to Clearfield Job Corp in Utah where she attended for Culinary Arts. Upon graduating, she went to work at the University of Utah Hospital.

After many years she decided to follow her heart and become a massage therapist. She worked out of Mr. Gregory's Salon for 24 years. Greg and Jenny Cordova became part of Ruth's Utah family along with the rest of her coworkers.

Ruth met Alison James at Job Corp and they were married on April 21, 1984. They had no children.

Following her passion for service, she spent her life involved in many organizations. She joined the Rebekah's Lodge in Townsend, serving as a 3rd generation member. She was also a member of the American Legion Auxiliary for 47 years. Upon moving to Utah, she joined the Naomi Lodge.

Her hobbies were gardening, crafts, visiting with family and friends and traveling.

Ed & Wendy Weeks were a blessing to Ruth and our family. We want to thank them for taking great care of Ruth through the years.

Ruth was preceded in death by her husband Alison James, parents Andy C. Johnson and Vera Johnson, brother Richard Johnson and nephews Lucas Johnson and Terrick Johnson.



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Ruth leaves behind her still alive and kicking sisters: Reba Johnson, Rita (Doug) Wilson, Ruby Johnson and her sister-in-law Diane Johnson. Nephews Clifford (Kelly) Johnson and Jon (Kristen) Johnson. Nieces Rebecca (Dale) Ruhd, Vera (Tyler) Frizzell, Desiree (Eric) Davis. Utah family Ed (Wendy) Weeks, Greg (Jenny) Cordova and numerous family and special friends.

A service celebrating Ruth James' life will be held at 6:00pm on May 23rd at Murray Lodge 8698 South Center Street, Sandy Utah where friends and family are invited to remember a life that touched and blessed so many. In lieu of flowers or for those moved to honor Ruth James legacy, donations to the American Legion Auxiliary P.O. Box 804 Townsend, MT 59644 or the Oddfellows at Utah Lodge #1 1473 W 600 S Salt Lake City, Utah 84014 can be mailed.



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Evelyn posted:

I just found out that you passed away, Ruth. You are with our Heavenly Father, who you were so close to and helped other people know him too. I worked with you for a while and saw you for your wonderful healing hands. I have never met anyone that was as happy and full of love as you. You could brighten anyone's day. You will be missed but you are with our Lord. Rest in Peace

October 1 at 5:35 AM



Gloria Craker lit a candle in honor of Ruth.

Gloria Craker lit a candle in memory of Ruth James

May 28 at 5:50 PM



Vera Frizzell posted:

We spent Easter this year with Aunt Ruth. We dyed eggs and we dressed in our best and went to High Tea at the Grand America Hotel. She was tickled pink to do so. Aunt Ruth helped me play Easter bunny and we hid eggs and set up baskets. She told me it was the best Easter she'd had that she could remember. Those simple things made her weekend unforgettable. Its the little things in life that make the biggest impact. My daughter dearly loved her Great Aunt "Roost". I am so thankful for the many trips we took to see her and that my daughter got to know her. She was a heck of a lady and her light burned so bright. Her love for Jesus was infinite. She spoke truth into you when you needed it and blessed everyone who crossed her path. Her hugs? The best. Massages? Irreplaceable. She was a joy filled woman even through lifes many adversities always seeing the positive. I am thankful I spent so much time with her over the years. We miss you and and love you so much. I cannot wait to dance on golden streets with you in heaven and hear your infectious laugh again.

May 21 at 12:54 PM



Netta Lackey January 2 at 4:45 PM

Ruth was so sweet always a pleasure to have her as a passenger on my bus. Fly high Mrs Ruth you will truly be missed ❤️



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Vickie Rauser posted:

In many ways, it seems like only yesterday that Ruth, Loren, Diane, and I were in first grade together at the Toston School. Ruth's joy for life was always evident and visiting with her was a great time. One of my more favorite memories was watching her with some of her high school classmates at a Broadwater High School graduation; it had been quite some time since they'd seen each other and the joy on each person's face was glorious. My condolences to her "still alive and kicking sisters" (I can hear her laughing at that) and all other family and friends. RIP Ruth; I will miss you.

May 20 at 7:02 PM



Gloria Craker May 28 at 6:03 PM

Ruth was a special lady and a beautiful soul. She would say. " Praise The Lord". When good happened to anyone. Her love for God was so strong. We shared many good times together and we called each other on the phone to keep in touch. She gave me some wonderful messages. She was always so positive and happy and loved to give flowers to her friends. She was a true friend and a great spirit. She never complained about her health or life. I miss you Ruth. Miss your happy voice. I look forward to seeing you in Heaven. Love, Gloria 🙏🦋❤️🌹



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Ruth by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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