



Ruth L. Kienstra

July 17, 1921 - February 6, 2011

Dateline: Alton

Ruth L. Kienstra, 89, died at 6:25 p.m. Sunday, February 6, 2011 at #1 McKnight Place in Ladue, MO. Born July 17, 1921 in Alton, she was the daughter of Louis and Anna (Hackethal) Hoehn. She was a member of SS Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Alton. On August 13, 1941 in Mitchell, IL, she married Wilbur Kienstra. He survives. Also surviving is a daughter, Ann Rita Cooper and her husband Tim of Alton, two sons, Chris Kienstra of Alton and Dr. Randy Kienstra and his wife Jan of Brays Island, SC, seven grandchildren; Dr. Matthew Kienstra and wife Kristie, Christopher McNeill and wife Alisa, Dr. Andy Kienstra and wife Kirsten, Carrie O'Brien and husband Chris, Ryan Munro and wife Tory, Cam Pope and husband Jason and Mady Kienstra, 13 great grandchildren, one sister, Mildred Sweat of Chicago and two nieces, Alyson MacCabe and Laurie Leydig. Ruth fought a brave battle over the final nine months of her life. She was the picture of poise, grace and beauty throughout her ordeal, bringing smiles and cheer to family and friends alike, despite her illness. It is the memory of her always upbeat approach to life and that she saw the good in everything and everyone for which Ruth will be remembered. A private family mass will be at SS Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Alton. Burial will be at St. Joseph Cemetery in Alton. Memorials may be made to the 5A's Animal Shelter or to Marquette Catholic High School. Gent Funeral Home in Alton is in charge of arrangements.

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Tribute Wall



“ *Ruth L. Kienstra*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Ruth L. Kienstra*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *Rita - Sorry to hear about your mother's passing - what a wonderful lady who always had a smile on her face while putting up with us crazy 1960s High Schoolers.*

Denny Barnard - February 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Ruth was all that a lady should be and she will always be remembered for it. Along with her smile and that twinkle she would get in her eye. With my deepest sympathy Sincerely Shannon*

Shannon Monahan - February 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Your Mother was such a sweet person. I'm sure she will be missed*

George L. Bickmore - February 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ I will always remember you Ruth. My summers will never be the same with out seeing you at the Lake.

Doug

Doug Buehl - February 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Just wanted to let you know we are thinking of you all, during your time of mourning. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. God bless.

Dan and Debbie Murphey - February 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ We were sorry to hear about your loss. Your friends here at Bi-State Utilities Co. Send our sincere condolences to all the family.

Michael Jerome - February 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ Ruth L. Kienstra

Mike and Liz Nelson - February 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM