



## Ruth Pranaitis

November 8, 1951 - February 20, 2021

Ruth Pranaitis, 69, died at 10:43 p.m. Saturday, February 20, 2021 at Alton Memorial Hospital. Born November 8, 1951 in St. Louis, MO, she was the daughter of Andrew R. and Shirley Ruth (Kellum) Carter. She retired after more than 25 years as a kindergarten teacher for Evangelical School in Godfrey. She was a passionate teacher and loved every single student she taught. She made school a fun and inspiring adventure for all of her kids. She loved traveling and exploring new places with her daughters, especially at her favorite place on earth, Walt Disney World. She always saw the world with a childlike wonder and saw the beauty in the little things, like Christmas lights and the perfect seashell she found on the beach. She was creative and artistic and could master any craft she tried, from cake decorating to making stained glass stepping stones. She passed that on to her daughters, teaching them with patience and love. She was an amazing, loving, and wonderful mother who will be dearly missed. Surviving are two daughters, Amie Pranaitis and Laura Pranaitis both of Godfrey. Also surviving are two brothers, Terry Carter (Linda) of Fulton, MS, and Randy Carter (Yvonne) of Cape Girardeau, MO. Along with her parents she was preceded in death by a brother Andrew Carter and a sister, Teresa Cotton. A memorial visitation will be from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Friday, February 26, 2021 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton. Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Online guestbook and information may be found at [www.gentfuneralhome.com](http://www.gentfuneralhome.com)



# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **26**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Gent Funeral Home Inc  
2409 State Street  
Alton, IL 62002  
(618) 466-5544  
<https://www.gentfuneralhome.com/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ruth Pranaitis*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Ruth Pranaitis*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Ruth was a beautiful person, inside and out. You are all in my prayers.*

**Ruth Dwiggin** - March 03, 2021 at 06:17 PM



“ *Mrs Pranaitis, took my son under her wings and taught him life lessons and values in his early years at evangelical, she was a special person and will never be forgotton. Carson Hallgren kindergarten 2007-2008. Evangelical*

**Steve hallgren** - February 27, 2021 at 08:50 PM

KE

“ Amie, I am so sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. She was such a sweet lady and always had a smile on her face. The relationship you had with her and your sister was so special. I loved hearing about your Disney trips and other vacations.

She will be so missed. May God comfort you and Laura and give you peace during this time. You are in my thoughts and prayers!

*My Deepest Sympathy*

*Karen Edwards*

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**Karen Edwards** - February 26, 2021 at 05:18 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Ruth Pranaitis.



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February 25, 2021 at 02:00 PM

JT

“ Oh my, Ruth was such a Wonderful, kind person. Ruth was always had a great outlook on life, she was a good mother. I sure enjoyed working with Ruth at Evangelical Pre-School for the young years with Patti Flippo . Sending my sympathy to Amie and Laura.

My God be with you both 🙏

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**judy Thompson** - February 25, 2021 at 12:24 PM

SD

“ Ruth loved adventure! She loved to get in a car and drive, or ride if I was with her! She saw the beauty in everything, like looking thru a child's eye with awe. Whether we were going on a trip, Dr appts, or just meeting for lunch was always an adventure with Ruth. Made the best of all situations and we laughed all the time! Her heart was filled with love and had so much to give. She loved her daughters so much and couldn't wait for the next Disney trip with them! We love you and will miss you, my friend.

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**Susan Doyle** - February 25, 2021 at 11:43 AM

AP

“ Ruth was a kind, caring and good person. She gave me two daughters and nurtured them into being the wonderful women that they are. The three of them were as close as any three humans could be. I know how tremendously Amie and Laura miss her and will miss her.

AI

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**al Pranaitis** - February 24, 2021 at 07:13 PM



“ I enjoyed knowing and working with Ruth-sending my sympathy to Amie and Laura.

Martha Miller

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**Martha Miller** - February 24, 2021 at 03:13 PM

MP

“ *Sorry for your loss. She was an inspiration for my daughter Lucy at Evangelical in 2019. She was a great teacher. She will be missed*



matthew Poole - February 24, 2021 at 01:08 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Ruth Pranaitis.*



February 24, 2021 at 11:14 AM

JV

“ *I have been blessed to know Ruth since Amie and I were in college, but more importantly to have her as part of my family. Whether we were on vacation in the Grand Canyon or Disney World, she always made the experience brighter. I will always love how she say the world as if she was experiencing it for the first time. Everything she saw and everyone she knew was just magical to her. Love, The Vanek Family (Julie, Brian, Bohden, and Rhaina)*



Julie Vanek - February 24, 2021 at 09:17 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Ruth Pranaitis.



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February 23, 2021 at 11:06 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden* was purchased for the family of Ruth Pranaitis.



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February 23, 2021 at 11:23 AM



“ *Tender Tribute* was purchased for the family of Ruth Pranaitis.



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February 23, 2021 at 09:58 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Ruth Pranaitis.

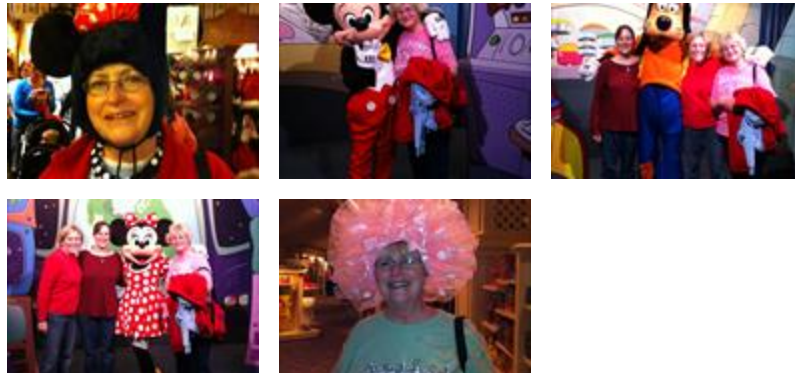


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February 23, 2021 at 12:32 AM

AP

“ 16 files added to the album Memories Album



Amie Pranaitis - February 23, 2021 at 12:28 AM

KE

*What great memories.*

Karen Edwards - February 26, 2021 at 05:20 PM

AP

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Amie Pranaitis - February 23, 2021 at 12:17 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Ruth Pranaitis.



February 22, 2021 at 07:52 PM



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



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February 22, 2021 at 04:37 PM



“ *Ruth was such a sweet, dear, gracious and precious lady. Our condolences to Amie and Laura, your mom left you both a beautiful legacy of love. Our hearts and prayers are with you.*

*Brenda and Jared McCain*

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**Brenda Walker McCain** - February 22, 2021 at 03:46 PM



“ *Brenda and Jared McCain purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Ruth Pranaitis.*



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**Brenda and Jared McCain** - February 22, 2021 at 03:39 PM



“ *Our hearts go out to you Amie and Laura. You were wonderful, loving daughters. Time will heal and the memories you made with your mon will live in your hearts forever. Prayers for comfort and peace. Marie and Ron Daube*

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**Marie and Ron Daube** - February 22, 2021 at 03:05 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ruth Pranaitis.*



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February 22, 2021 at 02:56 PM



“ *Your work family at RSSC - EDW purchased the Rainbow Reflections Basket for the family of Ruth Pranaitis.*



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**Your work family at RSSC - EDW** - February 22, 2021 at 01:55 PM