



Ruth E. Gugel

February 7, 1945 - July 23, 2024

Ruth E. Gugel

She was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, as the youngest of Pastor Edwin and Ruth Kringel's three children. After graduating from Concordia in Seward, Nebraska, Ruth earned her master's degree at Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan. She dedicated 14 years of her life to teaching in the Lutheran schools. She taught 12 of those years at St. Peter's in Eastpointe, Michigan. In 1972, she married Harold W. Gugel and together they were blessed with two sons. In 1996, tragically Harold at the age of 56, was called home to heaven after an 18-month battle with cancer. Now, Ruth can join him in singing praises to our gracious Savior.

Throughout the years, Ruth found joy in engaging in various volunteer activities. Her hobbies included baking, needlework, reading, and traveling, particularly to her cottage in Gladwin, Michigan. Ruth leaves behind her beloved sons, Mark (Kristin) and Dave Gugel, as well as her precious grandchildren, Madison and Jack. She is also survived by her sister, Grace (Dale) Miller, her brother, Pastor Art (Dottie) Kringel, and numerous nieces and nephews.

As the family mourns the loss of Ruth, they celebrate the beautiful life she lived. Her memory will forever remain in our hearts, and her legacy will continue to inspire us. May she rest in eternal peace.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, July 30th, 2024 from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Road (3 blocks east of Van Dyke Avenue) Utica. Wednesday, July 31st, 2024, there will be additional visitation from 10:00 a.m. until the time of her funeral service at 11:00 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 45160 Van Dyke Avenue (northeast corner of Van Dyke Avenue and Hall Road/M-59) Utica. A livestreamed of the funeral service will be held from the church ~at <https://www.youtube.com/live/6EvTacuwdag>

Memorials in honor of Ruth are appreciated to: Bethesda Lutheran Home, 1113 Lisbon Street, Watertown, WI 53094, Lutheran World Relief ~ <https://give.lwr.org> OR Trinity Lutheran Church, 45160 Van Dyke Avenue, Utica, MI 48317.

Please share a memory with her family at www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com

Cemetery Details

White Chapel Memorial Cemetery

621 W. Long Lake Road
Troy, MI 48098

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 30. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home
8459 Hall Road
Utica, MI 48317
(586) 731-2411
utica@sullivanfh.com
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

Instate At Church

JUL 31. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Trinity Lutheran Church
45160 Van Dyke
Utica, MI 48317

Funeral Service

JUL 31. 11:00 AM (ET)

Trinity Lutheran Church
45160 Van Dyke
Utica, MI 48317

Tribute Wall



“ *Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors created a Ruth Gugel's Funeral Service Livestream- Trinity Lutheran Church in memory of Ruth E. Gugel*



Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors - July 25, 2024 at 09:02 AM

JB

Back in the fall of 1971 I had the privilege of student teaching under Miss Kringel. She was kind and very helpful to this aspiring teacher. There was a peace in her classroom that came from the Lord. I'm very thankful for this experience. I went on to teach in Lutheran schools and non denominational Christian schools, 34 years. She talked about her fiance and was looking forward to her wedding. She has very inspiring to me. I just saw her listed in Concordia's Broadcaster. ❤️

Judy (Gschwender) Blum - August 16, 2025 at 12:20 PM

JB

Rejoicing that she is with the Lord.

Judy (Gschwender) Blum - August 16, 2025 at 12:22 PM

RV

“ *Ruth was always the kindest person! When Dave's friends came over, she would always welcome us with open arms. Whether it was just watching movies on Remer Ct, or hanging out in the boat in the driveway, or inviting us all up to her cabin in Gladwin, memories were made. We will miss you!*

Ray VanSteenkiste - July 31, 2024 at 02:15 PM

NV

“ *Nirmal & Usha Vijayachandran planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ruth E. Gugel.*

Nirmal & Usha Vijayachandran - July 29, 2024 at 10:49 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Ruth E. Gugel.*



July 29, 2024 at 10:49 PM

TF

“ *The Wilk Family purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Ruth E. Gugel.*



The Wilk Family - July 29, 2024 at 07:43 PM

DL

“ *Mark and Dave, We are sorry to hear about the passing of your mom. She was a devout Christian woman. Also, she was beautiful inside and out. Dennis and Debra Laskowski*

Dennis and Debbie Laskowski - July 29, 2024 at 06:22 PM

DO

“ *Ruth was my neighbor in Utica until she moved to her condo. She was a thoughtful, gracious, and always positive. She shared many a story and she will be missed. Delphine Olson*

Delphine L. Olson - July 29, 2024 at 03:45 PM

NT

“ *Nicole Rose & Brian Travis planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ruth E. Gugel.*

Nicole Rose & Brian Travis - July 29, 2024 at 09:56 AM

NT

“ *Nicole Rose & Brian Travis purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ruth E. Gugel.*



Nicole Rose & Brian Travis - July 29, 2024 at 09:56 AM

SM

“ *Suzanne M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ruth E. Gugel.*

Suzanne M. - July 28, 2024 at 01:16 PM

SK

“ Our friendship with Ruth began years ago, stretching back to when Harold and Nelson were co-workers @ GM, where Nelson benefitted greatly from Harold's statistical brilliance. Ruth was, likewise, a very special lady and a treasured friend who we shared many dinners, adventures, card games, and pear pies with throughout the subsequent years. Ruth was also our trusted advisor during some of our most painful tribulations. Her passing has left a hole in our hearts...she will be deeply missed. Nelson and Sue Kelly

Sue Kelly - July 28, 2024 at 01:04 PM

TJ

“ The Millers, Dale, Grace, Ed, Kent, Dy, & Jean planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ruth E. Gugel.

The Millers, Dale, Grace, Ed, Kent, Dy, & Jean - July 26, 2024 at 09:19 PM

TC

“ The Collier's planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ruth E. Gugel.

The Collier's - July 26, 2024 at 03:54 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ruth E. Gugel.



July 26, 2024 at 03:54 PM

JJ

“ Ruth was an amazing lady that I was fortunate to meet through her boys many years ago. We spend many summer weekends up North in Gladwin together, all wonderful memories. Ruth was an amazing mother and person in general. Rest in Peace Ruth. My condolences go out to the entire family, you are in my thoughts and prayers Dave and Mark.

Jim Jurzysta - July 25, 2024 at 12:00 PM

ML

“ Marcia and Joe Luczak planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ruth E. Gugel.

Marcia and Joe Luczak - July 25, 2024 at 08:38 AM



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



July 25, 2024 at 08:38 AM

ML

“ MGA Roofing LLC purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Ruth E. Gugel.



MGA Roofing LLC - July 25, 2024 at 07:32 AM

WH

“ With Love, Mike & Holly Helms planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ruth E. Gugel.

With Love, Mike & Holly Helms - July 24, 2024 at 07:54 PM



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



July 24, 2024 at 07:54 PM