



Ruth Norkus

October 19, 1923 - July 26, 2017

Ruth Norkus (nee Pough), age 93, passed away on July 26, 2017. Ruth was a resident of Shelby Township/Utica for 51 years. Ruth was a member of many different coin clubs. She is the former president of the Navy Mother's Club-Pontiac Chapter. Ruth worked at and retired from J.C. Penney's at Lakeside after 19 years. Ruth loved to crochet and spend time in nature. Ruth enjoyed collecting rocks, where over the years she amassed several thousand pounds of various sized rocks. Surprisingly, the most ordinary rocks seemed to appeal to Ruth the most. These rocks were used many different ways around the house, from walkways to lining the landscaping, or even just to bury. She always had a camera in her hand and was always ready to snap a photo. She is the loving mother of Ruth Rivard and George (Martha) Norkus and the beloved grandmother to Saralyn and Dorothy Norkus, and many nieces and nephews. Ruth is preceded in death by her husband, Bronislaw; son, Vincent Norkus; son-in-law, Robert Rivard; and siblings, George Pough, Gertrude Merrill, and Joan Pistey. Ruth's family will receive friends on Saturday, July 29, 2017 from 3:00 p.m until 6:00 p.m. at the Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Road (3 blocks East of Van Dyke), Utica, with a Funeral Service at 6:00 p.m. Please share a memory at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.

Cemetery Details

Romeo Cemetery

Romeo, MI 48065

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 29. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home
8459 Hall Road
Utica, MI 48317
(586) 731-2411
utica@sullivanfh.com
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Funeral Service

JUL 29. 6:00 PM (ET)

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Burial

JUL 31. 11:00 AM (ET)

Romeo Cemetery
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Tribute Wall



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Ruth Norkus.*



July 28, 2017 at 02:47 PM



“ *6 files added to the tribute wall*



Ruth Rivard - July 28, 2017 at 12:25 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Ruth Norkus.*



July 28, 2017 at 12:13 AM

BJ

“ I've worked beside Ruth in the mens department until she retired. She even took pictures and put them in a photo album of my wedding. I have to admit, her little camera took better pictures than the photographer. I will miss her a lot. I remember that I had to work when Frankie Avalon came to the store to promote the Hobie line. She came in with her camera and took a picture of me next to Frankie when he signed his photo. I treasure that photo and it's in a frame with that photo as a verification of originality of the signed picture. Now it appears that the time has come to say farewell to #599 as she signed after her signature. Deepest sympathy.
Barbara Jernigan Dettar

Barbara JerniganDettar - July 27, 2017 at 07:26 PM

DN

Thank you, Barbara.

<https://findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=181806750>

Dorothy Norkus - August 09, 2017 at 09:42 PM

MB

“ Marie Burrell lit a candle in memory of Ruth Norkus



Marie Burrell - July 27, 2017 at 06:24 PM

RR

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Ruth Rivard - July 27, 2017 at 01:22 PM

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“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Ruth Rivard - July 27, 2017 at 01:02 PM

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“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Ruth Rivard - July 27, 2017 at 12:54 PM

RR

“ *What a wonderful, beautiful and loving person you were! I was so blessed to have had you as my mother. You touched the lives of so many people during your 93+ years. You always were there for me during both the good and hard times and were always willing to help others without hesitation. What a full life you lived! You are always spoken of highly by anyone who knew you. I am glad there are so many happy memories of you that will help ease my heartbreak of you passing. I love you mom! ♡♡ Your daughter, Ruth Ann*



Ruth Rivard - July 27, 2017 at 12:43 PM

MB

*Ruth was an auditor with me for the Daughters Of Isabella for years. She was kind, helpful and such a giving lady. She also was the person that gave me the information that helped me find my grandson. I will always be grateful to her for that. Thank you for being my friend. Ruth Ann thank you for sharing your mother with us. We were Blessed. May you R.I.P. Ruth.
Your Sister D of I Friend,
Marie Burrell.*

Marie Burrell - July 27, 2017 at 06:22 PM