

Ruth M. McShane, of Unionville, age 85, passed away in the cardiac care unit of Munson Hospital in Traverse City on July 14, 2017. She loved so many people with all of her heart that it finally gave out.

Ruth was born on May 5, 1932 to Jacob and Marie (York) Marker. She grew up in Unionville and attended a one room school house through 8th grade, and then went to work to help the family. Later in her 50's she wanted a job in the radiology department at Bay Medical in Bay City, so she took the GED and passed with flying colors. It was one of her proudest moments.

She shared many years of wedded bliss with her beloved Jack until he passed away in 2004. They loved traveling, and especially enjoyed their Sunday drives. Ruth never had a driver's license, but always knew how to get everywhere. She loved her old-time country music, feeding her birds, tending to her roses and relaxing with her crossword puzzles. She was a longtime member of the Unionville Methodist Church and a church bazaar or dinner wouldn't be complete without her sour cream coffee cake. Even with all of her medical issues she remained in good spirits and was ready with a kind word and hug for everyone.

Ruth leaves behind many cherished family members. Children: Pamela Konezal, Rick (Jill) McShane and Lisa Preston (Tim Pfundt). Siblings: Jim (Dee) Marker, Bob Marker, Peg (Tom) Wark, Vicky (Tom) Thorold. Brother-in-law, Roland Luther. Sister-in-law, Elenor Marker. Grandchildren: Pat (Pam), Becky (John), Gary, Crystal (David), Shannon and Niccie. Great grandmother of 11. She also had a special place in her heart for her army of supportive nieces and nephews (she loved you all so very much).

Family was more than blood to her as many of her "steps" would agree. Most recently she enjoyed her time up north with Matt, Jerrekia and Tony and her latest joy, Sebastian.

Ruth was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Jack. Siblings: Rose, Kathy and John. Her parents: Jake and Marie Marker.

Visitation will be at Juengel & Mellendorf Funeral Home in Sebewaing on Tuesday, July 18, 2017 from 2-8pm.

The funeral service will be Wednesday, July 19, 2017, at the funeral home. Visitation will begin at 10am until the time of service at 11am.

Burial at Floral Gardens Cemetery in Bay City.

Memorial donations may be given to the Do-All in Essexville.