



Ruthie Bye

June 4, 1951 - June 2, 2016

Ruth “Ruthie” Marie (Ettesvold) Bye was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota on June 4, 1951. She graduated from Cyrus High School in 1969. Ruthie married the love of her life, Raylyn Bye, in September 1972 in Cyrus, MN. The couple moved to Onamia in 1974 where Ruthie worked as a Medical Assistant for many years at the Onamia Clinic. In 1989 she began her work as an Administrative Assistant for Onamia Schools. In later years she worked as a Receptionist for the Mille Lacs Health System, and a Transcriptionist for the Nexus Academy. Ruthie excelled at her work and in life with her thoughtfulness and genuine concern for others. She was a friend to many and loved by all. She was accepting of others, was a good listener, and was generous and kind. She enjoyed traveling, especially her trips to Italy, Mexico, Germany, Iceland, Spain, and Hawaii. Ruthie looked forward to entertaining friends and family. She was a most perfect hostess; there was never a question as to “knowing where the fork goes”. Ruthie enjoyed running, except when being chased by barking dogs. Her favorite time of the year was Christmas and she spent countless hours decorating the house. Her Christmas tree was exceptional and always a topic of conversation. Ruthie was happy to discover her biological family in 2014 including her father, Mason Mace, her brother, Ron Mace, sister, Amy Mace, aunts, nieces, and cousins. She will be dearly missed.

Left to cherish her memory are her children, Reed (Sara) of Monticello, and Ryan (Nicole) of Minneapolis; grandchildren, Brett (Jaci), Brianna, and Oscar.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Raylyn; parents, Earl and Helen; uncle Norman; and brother, Douglas.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **5.** 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Bethany Lutheran Church - Onamia
500 Lindquist St
Onamia, MN 56359

Visitation

JUN **6.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Holy Cross Center - Onamia
102 Crosier Drive
Onamia, MN 56359

Tribute Wall



“ *Ruthie Bye*

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *I worked with Ruthie at Onamia Public Schools,. Ruthie was one of a kind. She was a good friend. She always had a smile on face. Sorry for your loss.*



Kathy Faust - June 06, 2016 at 05:54 AM



“ *Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Ruthie Bye.*



June 04, 2016 at 03:41 PM



“ *Kay Swenson lit a candle in memory of Ruthie Bye*



Kay Swenson - June 04, 2016 at 09:38 AM



Such a beautiful and wonderful person. So sorry for your loss.

Kay Swenson - June 04, 2016 at 09:40 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ruthie Bye.*



June 03, 2016 at 09:22 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ruthie Bye.*



June 03, 2016 at 07:02 PM



“ *ruthie was such a caring, thoughtful and loving lady. she was a mentor for my daughter gail and friend emily during their confirmation years at bethany church. ruthie loved to give the girls treats and special gifts on every occasion, send encouraging notes to them and made a beautiful book with photo sand news clipping of their high school years at their graduation. ruthie will be missed by many.*
june dahlgren

june dahlgren - June 03, 2016 at 06:57 PM

JS

“ I'm glad I was blessed with the opportunity to grow up down the road from Ruthie, Ray and the boys. What a tragic loss of great people. You will be dearly missed by all. Now go and frolic with Ray. RIP Ruthie, say hi to Ray for me. My deepest sympathy to Reed, Ryan and the rest of the family.



Jason Stromquist - June 03, 2016 at 06:27 PM

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Jason Stromquist - June 03, 2016 at 06:26 PM

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Jason Stromquist - June 03, 2016 at 06:24 PM



“ *Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Ruthie Bye.*



June 03, 2016 at 05:30 PM



“ *Deepest-Sympathy-In-the-Loss-Of-Your-Mom-Reed-I-Am-So-Sorry!!-Love-Ginger*

Ginger - June 03, 2016 at 04:49 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Ruthie Bye.*



June 03, 2016 at 04:35 PM



“ *Global IT Deployment Team purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Ruthie Bye.*



Global IT Deployment Team - June 03, 2016 at 04:10 PM



“ *Spring Has Sprung Mixed Basket was purchased for the family of Ruthie Bye.*



June 03, 2016 at 03:21 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Ruthie Bye.*



June 03, 2016 at 02:58 PM



“ *I am very sorry to know of your loss. Your friends at Cargill are thinking of you during this sad time. -Allison Thorne*

Allison Thorne - June 03, 2016 at 02:10 PM