



Ruth E. Smith

May 22, 1915 - July 20, 2015

Adrian—Ruth E. Smith, 100, of Sand Creek, passed away peacefully Monday, July 20, 2015, at the Lenawee Medical Facility under the loving care of Hospice of Lenawee.

Born in Palmyra Township on May 22, 1915, Ruth was the daughter of the late Gottlob and Martha (Wellnitz) Roekle. On June 12, 1954, Ruth married William 'Bill' J. Smith at St. Stephen's Church, Adrian. They celebrated almost 50 years of marriage until his death in May, 2003.

Ruth graduated from Adrian High School with the class of 1935 and then worked at Dr. McKenzie's and Dr. Heffron's office. Together with her husband, Bill, they owned and operated the gas station at Albert and South Main and later had the store and U Haul rental in Madison Center. She was a member of the St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, Adrian, where she was formerly active in the Ladies Aid Society. She volunteered with Meal on Wheels, enjoyed gardening, playing cards; but her favorite was spending time with her family. Survivors include her daughters, Maxine Brackney of Sand Creek and Elaine (Marc) Frey of New Carlisle, OH; step children, Wm. (Rosie) J. Smith of Adrian, Beverly (Dave) Morse of Idaho Falls, ID; a sister, Marie Kahn; 18 grandchildren and many great grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, Ruth was preceded in death by her husband, Bill; brother, Paul; and step-children, Patsy Deatherage and Derek Smith.

Funeral services for Ruth will be Friday, July 24, 2015 at 11 a.m. at St.

Stephen's Lutheran Church, Adrian, with Pastor Brian Keller officiating. Burial

will follow at Hunt Cemetery, Gorman Road, Adrian. Visitation will be Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m. at Wagley Funeral Home and Friday from 10 a.m. until the service. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Stephen's Church, Disabled American Veterans, or Lenawee County Humane Society, envelopes will be available at both services. Online condolences are welcomed at www.WagleyFuneralHome.com

Cemetery Details

Hunt Cemetery

East Gorman Road
Lenawee County, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 24. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Stephen Evangelical Lutheran Church
632 S. Madison Street
Adrian, MI

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Ruth E. Smith*

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