



Ruth Ann Risch

September 5, 1941 - December 24, 2023

Ruth Ann (Smalley) Risch, 82, of Glenmont, passed away peacefully on Sunday, December 24, 2023 with family at her side.

Born on September 5, 1941, Ruth was a longtime resident of Hudson, NY and a 1959 graduate of Hudson High School. In 1960, she achieved a childcare certification from St. Catherine's Infant Home (Brady Maternity Hospital) in Albany, where she cared for orphaned infants.

A woman of extraordinary kindness, Ruth touched the lives of many. Her warm smile and gentle spirit were a source of comfort to everyone she encountered. Ruth's generosity knew no bounds, and her compassion was felt by all who had the privilege of knowing her.

Ruth was a loving friend and a devoted family member. As a dedicated wife, mother, sister, and grandmother, her family was at the center of her world. Her grandchildren were a source of tremendous joy.

Ruth was a dedicated and loyal parishioner of Trinity United Methodist Church in Hudson and was active for many years in the United Methodist Women. She worked for many years at Columbia Memorial Hospital and later at Clark Respiratory Services.

In recent years, Ruth moved to Glenmont and enjoyed socializing and playing bingo with newfound friends. She loved spending time with her children and grandchildren, cooking, baking, watching game shows, and listening to her favorite singer Elvis Presley. She enjoyed traveling and was able to realize her lifelong dream of visiting Hawaii.

Ruth's memory will forever be cherished by her four children, Earl Jr. "Buddy" (Diane) Risch of Voorheesville, Laurie Joseph of Falls Church, VA., Valerie (Walt) Ozga of Stephentown, and Stephen (Maureen) Risch of Olney, MD.; her six grandchildren, Kevin Risch, Emily Risch, Aidan Joseph, Cody Ozga, Allison Risch, and Brendan Risch; and her sister Diane (Ron) Marino as well as many nieces and nephews. She leaves behind a legacy of love, kindness, and strength that will continue to inspire those who knew her.

She is predeceased by her husband of 57 years Earl R. "Bud" Risch, Sr., her sister Donna Remizon, and her parents William and Ruth Smalley.

Visitation will be on Thursday, December 28 from 6:00 – 8:00 pm at the Bates & Anderson - Redmond & Keeler Funeral Home at 110 Green Street in Hudson. Funeral service will be at the same location on Friday, December 29 at 10:30 am. Interment will be in the Cedar Park Cemetery.

Donations in Ruth's name can be made to the Trinity United Methodist Church, 555 Joslen Boulevard, Hudson, NY 12534.

May Ruth rest in peace, surrounded by the eternal love she so generously shared during her remarkable journey through life.

Previous Events

Visitation Hours

DEC **28**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Bates & Anderson - Redmond & Keeler
110 Green Street
Hudson, NY 12534
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Funeral Service

DEC **29**. 10:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I was Ruth's husbands Home Health Aide.I went there as a total stranger,Ruth welcomed me and treated me like part of the family. We shared many hours of great conversation. I lost touch with her after Earls passing. But I won't forget her warmth and kindness to me.May she rest in peace.
Ruth Pelkey



Ruth Pelkey - December 27, 2023 at 03:20 PM

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“ I am so sorry to hear of Ruth's passing I worked many years with Ruth in the Medical Imaging Department of Columbia Memorial Hospital. Ruth was a hard working loyal employee and I have so many fond memories of her, My thoughts and prayers go out to her family. Ruth may you rest in peace Love Pat Palen



Patricia Palen - December 27, 2023 at 06:24 AM

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Our thoughts and prayers to Ruth's family and friends, especially Valerie, Walt and Cody Ozga. Ruth, may you Rest In Peace. ❤️

Doirinne & Rob Crawley - December 28, 2023 at 05:53 PM