



## Ruth Ann Peterson

March 7, 1950 - November 15, 2020

Ruth Ann Peterson, age 70, of DeMotte, passed away Sunday, November 15, 2020, at Southlake Methodist in Merrillville. She was born March 7, 1950, in Rensselaer, the daughter of Steve and Cornelia “Nell” (Miedema) DeHaan, both deceased.

Ruth was a graduate of DeMotte High School, Class of 1968. She married the love of her life, Marvin Peterson, on January 4, 1969 in DeMotte, Indiana. Ruth was a member of American Reformed Church of DeMotte. She spent most of her years taking care of her family and household, although she also worked at Jackson Funeral for several years.

Ruth spent over 20 years volunteering at Good Neighbor Food Pantry. She went on trips with ARC youth groups and with Marv on work trips to Central America. Ruth worked on several committees at church, taught and helped with Sunday school, bible school and Vacation Bible School, volunteered as a mentor for Kids Hope, and was a board member of the Fairchild House. She was always ready to help people in any way she could.

Ruth loved life, vacationing, being with friends and family, playing cards and board games with friends. She was loved by her family and will be greatly missed.

Ruth is survived by her husband, Marvin Peterson of DeMotte, IN; twin daughters: Dawn Cullings of DeMotte, IN; Denise (Mark) Orsburn of DeMotte, IN; son, Randy (Dawn) Peterson of DeMotte, IN; 7 grandchildren: Kristian and Morgan Cullings, Emma and Eva Orsburn, Reece, Sydney and Jake Peterson; great-granddaughter, Charlotte Cantwell; siblings: Grace (Gil) Lyzenga, Ken (Vicki) DeHaan, Frank (Jona) DeHaan, Alice (Louis) Mann, Clarence (Judy) DeHaan, Beverly (Ron) Rader.

Friends and family may visit on Thursday, November 19, 2020 at American Reformed Church in the Fellowship Hall from 3:00 to 7:00 PM. The family asks that social distancing must be observed and masks must be worn at all services due to the current pandemic. Please, no social embracing for the safety and health of everyone.

A Funeral Service, for close friends and family only, will be held on Friday, November 20, 2020 at 10:30 AM with Pastor Troy Nannenga officiating. Service will be livestreamed via American Reformed Church website, [demottearc.com](http://demottearc.com) Click on Funerals.

Interment will follow at Holland Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Good Neighbor Food Pantry (7113 7th St SW), Oak Grove Christian Retirement Village, or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital (262 Danny Thomas Pl. Memphis, TN 38105 or [st.jude.org](http://st.jude.org)).

# Cemetery Details

## Holland Cemetery

Holland Cemetery  
DeMotte, IN 46310

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **19**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

American Reformed Church  
1021 S. Halleck St.  
DeMotte, IN

## Funeral Service

NOV **20**. 10:30 AM (CT)

American Reformed Church  
1021 S. Halleck St.  
DeMotte, IN

# Tribute Wall



“ Jackson Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of Ruth Ann Peterson



Jackson Funeral Chapels - November 18, 2020 at 12:52 PM

ST

Beautiful tribute! Wonderful memories! You will be missed girlfriend! ❤️

Sally Tillema - November 18, 2020 at 01:36 PM

JV

You will be missed Ruth, Give Wesley John a hug for me.

Judy VanBruggen - November 19, 2020 at 07:39 AM

BR

So much life in her, will miss my big Sis.

Bev Rader - November 19, 2020 at 11:22 AM

DT

“ Marvin,  
*Hope you can remember me, we were friends while in the US Army in Ft Meade. Been over 50 years now but I am so sorry to learn of Ruth's passing. She was a terrific lady, like her very much. Hope you are doing well my friend. I am retired now, remarried, and living in California for the past 40 years.*

*Wishing you all the best and please give my regards to your brother as well.*

*Don Tostenson*

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**Don Tostenson** - May 17, 2022 at 10:21 PM

WO

“ Marvin: *My sincerest condolences on the loss of your wife, Ruth. I lost my wife, Shirlee, on the 16th. she was at Boersmas in Wheatfield this past Saturday. You may not remember us, but years ago we were looking to buy you home on the west side of I-65 and we had problems with the realtor. We wound up in North Judson with a home built by Wayne Walstra. Our home now is in Florida. We have some troubling times ahead of us, you and I. I'll be keeping you and you family in my prayers.*  
*Wayne Oosterhoff.*



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**Wayne H Oosterhoff** - November 24, 2020 at 11:34 AM

DR

“ Skip and Debbie Rose

*Our deepest sympathies go out to you and your family Marv. So saddened to hear of Ruth's passing.*



Debbie Rose - November 22, 2020 at 04:23 PM

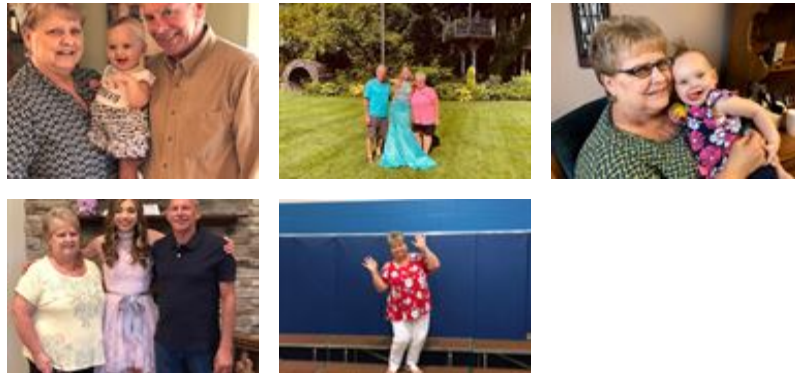
MK

“ *My sympathies to Marv, kids and all my cousins. Ruth lives on in the memories of her family, but even more importantly she lives on in eternity because she confessed Jesus as her Lord and Savior. We will see her again. Prayers for comfort and peace for all my cousins. I wish I could've been there with you, but I was able to watch the beautiful service online, a celebration of a life well lived.*

Mary DeHaan Kamps - November 20, 2020 at 01:07 PM



“ 30 files added to the album Life Tributes



Jackson Funeral Chapels - November 19, 2020 at 09:36 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Ruth Ann Peterson.*



November 18, 2020 at 08:48 PM



“ *Southern Magnolia Tree was purchased for the family of Ruth Ann Peterson.*



November 18, 2020 at 05:39 PM



“ *Condolences to the whole De Haan and Peterson families. I haven't seen Ruth Ann in many years but have fond memories of spending time with her on uncle Steve and aunt Nell's farm. You are in my thoughts as you face this difficult loss. Your cousin, Cheryl (De Haan) Tully*

**Cheryl Tully** - November 18, 2020 at 03:40 PM



“ *I am so very sorry for your lost. She will be very much missed. Ruth was a wonderful lady, I always enjoyed coming to visit and seeing her and Marv.*



**Brenda Tune** - November 18, 2020 at 02:46 PM

FA

*Dawn, I'm so sorry to hear about your mother, She was a beautiful person who has a great personality who was greatly loved by everybody, I remember when you worked for me and Jodi at the old Heritage in she would come up and have lunch there And you introduced her to me as your mother, She was a very pleasant lady to talk to and very interesting person to listen to she was very sweet and kind and understanding God bless her,Ruth, You will be greatly missed by a lot of people I bet the angels are happy with you*

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**Freddie Ault** - November 18, 2020 at 07:33 PM

LD

“ *Our sincere sympathy to the Peterson and DeHaan families in the passing of our dear cousin Ruth Ann. Our love and prayers for all. Larry and Sandy DeHaan.*

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**Larry Dehaan** - November 18, 2020 at 02:01 PM



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November 18, 2020 at 01:45 PM



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November 18, 2020 at 12:34 PM

BL

“ *Blankenbaker’s sent a virtual gift in memory of Ruth Ann Peterson*



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**Blankenbaker’s** - November 18, 2020 at 12:32 PM

BL

*Dear Family of Ruth Peterson: It’s hard to lose someone who meant so much to all of us, and even harder that we can’t all be together to say good-bye. We want you to know we’re with you in spirit during this difficult time.*

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**Blankenbaker’s** - November 18, 2020 at 12:41 PM

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“ *Nancy And Richard Rhoades lit a candle in memory of Ruth Ann Peterson*

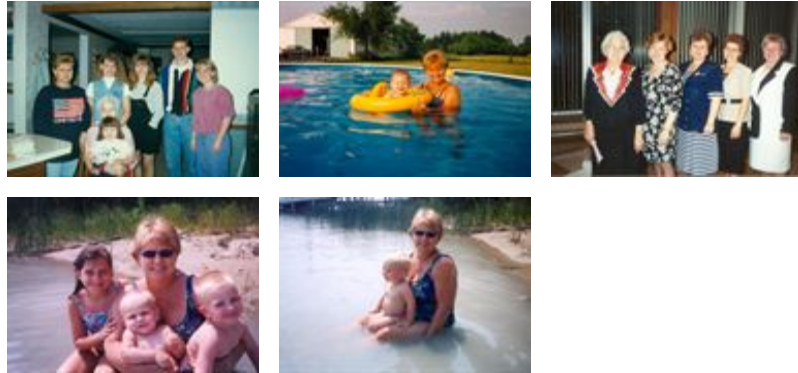


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**Nancy and Richard Rhoades** - November 18, 2020 at 11:59 AM



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Jackson Funeral Chapels - November 18, 2020 at 11:24 AM



“ 106 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Jackson Funeral Chapels - November 18, 2020 at 09:10 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Ruth Ann Peterson.



November 18, 2020 at 08:25 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Ruth Ann Peterson.*



November 18, 2020 at 07:45 AM



“ *Joan and Tobey Cunningham purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ruth Ann Peterson.*



**Joan and Tobey Cunningham** - November 18, 2020 at 01:05 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Ruth Ann Peterson.*



November 17, 2020 at 08:20 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ruth Ann Peterson.*



November 17, 2020 at 07:53 PM



“ *Ruth you have been my friend since our softball days way back. RIP my friend, Prayers and Love for your family.* ”



Julie Gunter - November 17, 2020 at 07:31 PM



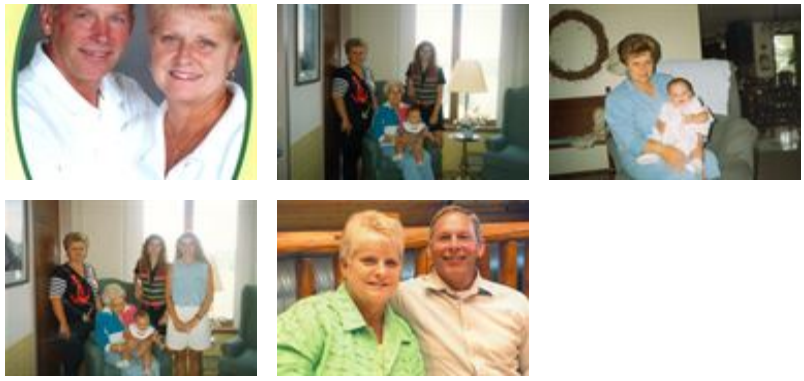
“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Ruth Ann Peterson.* ”



November 17, 2020 at 05:59 PM



“ *44 files added to the album LifeTributes* ”



Jackson Funeral Chapels - November 17, 2020 at 05:30 PM

PB

“ Ruth you were such a strong, fun loving, funning to be around person. Glad I got to know you a little better through the Fairchild House, you had such good ideas. You will be missed. And for your family you were blessed to have her as a mom and friend. God Bless all of you and yours. Hugs Ruth, see you again!!! My heart also hurts for you all.

Pam Butler - November 17, 2020 at 04:17 PM

SU

“ My dear Friends, the Peterson Family, Ruth was such a strong, fun and funny lady! We attended Coffee Break together, worked VBS at AMERICAN Reformed and the Good Neighbor Food Pantry. I deeply appreciated Ruth's sense of humor and her love for her family. She will be deeply missed and all her wonderful stories of preparing pies for the Bible league. God knew he had the best of the best down here and called her home. I love you Ruth and really look forward to seeing you again on that Glorious day! Sleep well my dear friend!!

SusanAxtell - November 17, 2020 at 02:59 PM

BS

“ To the Peterson family I am sorry for your loss. I have known Ann for a very long time. She was a very sweet person. Ann will be missed but not forgotten in our hearts.❤️ May Ann shine down on her family and friends. RIP my sweet angel.🕊️



Beaver Soley - November 17, 2020 at 02:25 PM

BO

“ *When we lived in her neighborhood, Ruth would always stop by to say hello when she was out riding her bike. She was such a sweet soul and will be sorely missed.*

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**Bonnie** - November 17, 2020 at 02:11 PM