



Ruth E Napolitan

October 23, 1945 - April 17, 2024

Ruth E. Napolitan “Ruthie”, Age 78, of Page, AZ passed away on April 17th, 2024, in St. George, UT. She was born on October 23rd, 1945, in Lamar, CO to Karl “Charles” Wilhelm Oswald and Mildred Victoria Phelps.

Ruth spent the first two years of her life on a farm in Prowers County, CO. Her father passed away in 1946 and the family moved to the town of Wiley, Colorado the next year where she spent the rest of her childhood. She excelled in scholastics, especially math, earning a spot on the National Honors Society. She spent time in several clubs including home ec, and pep club. She was a loving supporter of her family, often babysitting nieces and nephews and always being there when they needed her the most. She graduated from high school in 1963 and stayed to attend Lamar Jr. College. She moved to Denver in 1965 and worked for a stamp purchase exchange company. She participated on the Colorado Women’s bowling championship team in 1967. Ruth gave birth to son Travis (Belinda) Napolitan in 1970. She met future husband Lou Napolitan in 1973. They moved to Page in 1975 and married in 1978, at which time Lou adopted Travis as his own and she gained six stepchildren, Teresa Ojeda, Lauro Kinney, Dalia (Alfredo) Estrada, Armondo (Noelia) Ojeda, Isola Hernandez, and Anthony (Anita) Napolitan. Ruth and Lou had four more children, Vicki (Carl) Allen, John (Leslie) Napolitan, Patrick (Chantel) Napolitan, Philip (Lesa) Napolitan, and special addition, Shawn Priest. She started working for H&R Block of Page in 1987 and became franchise owner in 1997 where she enjoyed serving the

community and having the opportunity to create so many special relationships with her clientele. Ruth retired in November of 2023.

Ruth enjoyed many hobbies including all things Elvis, crocheting, baking cakes and other sweets, coin collecting, reading books, doing puzzles, playing cards, marbles, Bingo, and watching sports (Go Broncos). She was the #1 fan of her children and grandchildren in all that they did. She was a huge supporter of Sand Devil athletics and donated to multiple charities. She loved spoiling her grandchildren Trista, Cody, Tyson, Cole, Shelby, Alexis, Naomi, Madison, Ethan, Bryce, Courtney, and great-grandchild Emersyn. Her favorite holiday was Christmas.

She was survived by 5 siblings, 11 children, 36 grandchildren, and 32 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by Husband Louis A Napolitan in August of 2020, her parents and 6 siblings as well as other extended family members.

The family would like to thank dear friends Jan Boehme, Suzanne Carter, Carla Corn, Joann Mann, Helen Blackgoat, and many others for the amazing support and memories shared. Thank you to the following families for a lifetime of love and memories: The Schafers, the LaFortunes, the Glasses, the Priests, the Moores, the Dickensons, the Hesses, the Cheeks, the Johnsons, the Blacks, and the Blackgoats. Additional thanks to the healthcare providers at Page Hospital and St. George Regional Hospital. And lastly, thanks to the entire community of Page and surrounding area for everything they have meant to Ruthie and her family.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to St. Jude Memorial Foundation or Travis Mills Foundation.

A memorial service will be held with limited capacity at the Page Elks Lodge on May 19th, 2024. Doors will open at 1pm for anyone who would like to pay their respects followed by services at 2PM. Please bring printed pictures, short stories, and other small items to add to the memory table for all to share. Final funeral services to be held in Wiley, CO July 27th, 2025, at 9AM.

Family and friends are invited to share tributes online at www.SerenityStG.com. Arrangements and memorial tree planting by Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah, 435-986-9100.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY 19. 1:00 PM (MT)

Page Elks Lodge
806 Aqua Ave
Page, AZ 86040

Tribute Wall



“ I met Ruth at Faith Bible Chapel and when I joined Youth With Mission (YWAM) she did my taxes for me as a way of supporting my mission work. Got 23 years she faithfully filed my taxes, never asking to be paid. When I visited Page I'd stop in to see her. I like to take her a thank you bouquet of sunflowers. This year when I called HnR Block she wasn't there. I'm amazed at the LARGE family she left behind. Ruth was a faithful generous friend and spoke of her family to me but I didn't know there were so many of you. God bless you all - treasure your memories of Ruth! Joyce Meade

Joyce Henry Meade - April 18, 2025 at 04:05 PM

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“ I have known Ruth for a very long time now, her sons Patrick & Philip were good friends with my brother Shane J. Black. Ruth will continue to be apart of our lives, she always had smile, a smile you never forget! I moved back from California in 1997; and ever since then she has prepared my yearly taxes and I always enjoyed my yearly visits with her. Ruth you are a special lady, and you will be missed! When I moved to Flagstaff, I had to find a new tax preparer & never found any one like Ruth. She always shared a personal commitment in helping you & giving you feedback on what you need to do for next year taxes. Much love and respect for you & your family.....Always, Cheryl Black.

Cheryl Black - May 18, 2024 at 07:40 PM

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“ Hi Vicki I'm not very good at these type of sadness which I have for you and the family.

I'm in Oregon now and actually just came across the obituary, I really did love your mom for many reasons but mainly because she genuinely likes me and every time I ran into her or went to the business she always, always gave me a contagious smile

Ruth will be missed by many she really had impact on a lot of people, my only regret is moving and not staying longer so I could see her more.

Vicki hang tough if possible and shoot me an email and I'll send my phone number ok, burgessstim590@gmail.com again I'm sorry about the news and hope to talk to you soon love ya!!

Timothy Burgess - May 16, 2024 at 01:14 PM