



Ruthe F. Bruce

June 7, 1926 - June 25, 2013

CANAAN, VT — Ruthe F. Bruce, 87, of Canaan, Vt., passed away on Tuesday morning, June 25, 2013, at the Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital in Colebrook, surrounded by her loving family.

She was born in Methuen, Mass., on June 7, 1926, the only child of the late Adolphe and Electra (Sweet) DeCauwer. She graduated from Searles High School in 1944, and then attended MacIntosh College.

For more than 20 years, Ruthe worked as an executive secretary for the Jo-Gal Shoe Co. in Lawrence, Mass. Upon moving north, she continued working as a volunteer in the Stewartstown school teaching after-school sewing classes. She loved to sew and quilt, and produced much over the years which her family all enjoy. One of the things that she cherished the most was helping to raise her great-grandson, Drake Cann, and spending very special times with him. Ruthe was a very spunky lady who had a wonderful sense of humor which will be missed by all her family and friends. She was a Past Worthy Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star, #204, in Methuen and was a member there for more than 50 years.

She is survived by her daughter, Candace Placey and husband Brian of Clarksville, NH; four grandchildren, Sherri Bouchard and Arlene "Lene" Bruce of Laconia, NH; Holly Meehan of Colebrook, NH, and Beth Gallos of Laconia;

ten great-grandchildren; and one great-great granddaughter.

She is preceded in death by a son, F. Robert Bruce III in 1978.

At her specific request, there will be no public calling hours or services. At a later date convenient to the family, a private interment will occur at the Elmwood Cemetery in Methuen.

Expressions of sympathy in memory of Ruthe may be made to the Two Rivers Ride for Cancer, c/o Rosemary Mulliken at the 1st Colebrook Bank, 132 Main St., Colebrook, NH 03576.

Condolences may be offered to the family on-line by going to www.jenkinsnewman.com.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home, Colebrook, NH.

Tribute Wall



“ Dear Candace & family;
Deepest sympathy on our loss, we will miss Ruthe very much.
Mary Elizabeth & Eric##imported-begin##Eric Edgar##imported-end##

June 28, 2013 at 08:55 AM



“ Candi,so sorry to hear about you MOM! What a wonderful person she was and will be greatly missed! She was talented and had a great sense of humor! Nothing is so dear to us all is our mothers! Cherish all the memories!##imported-begin##Kathleen & Wayne##imported-end##

June 28, 2013 at 07:11 AM



“ Candy, I am so sorry that your Mom has moved on. She was of a special character. She gave humor and confidence to me. I hope you are well. May her memory always give you warm feelings. Sherri , Lene, and Buffy...I hope you enjoyed her to her fullest. She was unique. i wish she had been mine. Love to you all. Aunty Nancy##imported-begin##Nancy Tate- Maston##imported-end##

June 27, 2013 at 10:45 PM



“ Ruthe was a wonderful person with a wonderful sense of humor. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her and will be missed by all. Deepest sympathy to all of her family.4##imported-begin##Norma Hodge Downard##imported-end##

June 27, 2013 at 12:59 PM



“ Candi, Holly so sorry for your loss: just keep all the great memories close to he heart: if there is anything I can do please let me know###imported-begin###Debbie Boivin###imported-end##

June 26, 2013 at 09:11 PM



“ So sorry to hear of your loss. Thinking of you, Auntie Sheila###imported-begin###Sheila R Munson###imported-end##

June 26, 2013 at 05:30 PM



“ Words can not express. how much I will miss Ruthe. We have been friends for about 4 years. She was a true friend. She called me almost every night about 7:45PM, and we would discuss things about Boston etc. 5&10 cent stores, Woolworths and the cut rite stores!!!! It was nice to have some one that knew. all this that I grew up with . So many things we shared.....What fun we had, in the short time we knew each other. You will be missed soooo much. I am glad you got my Message Monday, I meant it ! Love you Billie###imported-begin###Billie Brockney (Keith too !)###imported-end##

June 26, 2013 at 04:55 PM



“ Ruth you were a great lady love you humor and your loving heart, Ill miss you. Thoughts and prayers go out to the family sorry for your loss.###imported-begin###Anna howe ###imported-end##

June 26, 2013 at 04:47 PM



“ Love and miss you Gram!##imported-begin##Sherri Bouchard##imported-end##

June 26, 2013 at 04:46 PM



“ We have a new angel watching over us. R.I.P. Aunt Ruthe, you will be greatly missed. My condolences to all.##imported-begin##Gloria Peschler Becker ##imported-end##

June 26, 2013 at 02:59 PM



“ Our sincere condolences to the family I liked to visit with her, she was a pleasant lady. We liked her to come to the Senior Meal Site too. She used to give me books for the penny sale at the Legion on wednesday. take care Denise Carrier.##imported-begin##Denise Carrier##imported-end##

June 26, 2013 at 02:42 PM



“ I met Ruthe many years ago while I worked for the VNA&Hospice! I saw her 3 times a week at least for about 4 or 5 years when I came in to do the housework and laundry once a week! Ruthe was a very sweet lady to work for and to talk to! I will miss her very much! My thoughts and prayers are with all the family! Lots of Love Deb Hawkins##imported-begin##Debra Hawkins##imported-end##

June 26, 2013 at 02:03 PM



“ I am deeply saddened, Ruthe could always turn my frown upside down. She was a delight to get to know over the yrs and I will miss her always.##imported-begin##Mary Hunt##imported-end##

June 26, 2013 at 01:15 PM



“ Ruth will be missed. She was an amazing person. Very well liked by all that knew her. Thoughts and prayers go out to her family.##imported-begin##Amy Smith##imported-end##

June 26, 2013 at 01:12 PM