



Ruby A. Strachan

July 9, 1933 - March 26, 2020

Ruby A. Strachan, 86, of Buckingham, passed away March 26, 2020 at Riverside Medical Center. She was born July 9, 1933 in Herscher to Ernest August and Emma (Pahl) Piggush. Ruby married Gerald "Jerry" L. Strachan August 22, 1953 at Trinity Lutheran Church and he passed away December 10, 2014.

She was employed by Natural Gas Pipeline in Herscher and retired after 19 years. Ruby was a longtime organist for Reddick United Methodist Church, Trinity Lutheran Church and many others.

She is survived by 2 sons and daughters-in-law; Steve (Tammy) Strachan of Iowa City, Iowa, Jeff (Brenda) Strachan of Cabery, and a daughter and son-in-law; Sue (Paul) Muhlstadt of Kankakee, 9 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren, and a great- great grandchild.

Ruby was preceded in death by her parents, husband, 5 brothers, Raymond, Paul John, Albert and Henry Piggush and 3 sisters; Suzana Piggush, Margaret Kroll and Ella Kilpatrick.

Due to the current circumstances of the Covid-19, private services will be held. Burial will be at Trinity Lutheran Cemetery

Memorials may be made to Trinity Lutheran Church, Herscher, IL.

Please sign her online guestbook at www.schrefflerfuneralhomes.com

Cemetery Details

Trinity Lutheran Cemetery

Herscher, IL 60941

Tribute Wall



“ *Ruby A. Strachan*

February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of Ruby's passing. So many of my childhood memories of the Buckingham Church include her. Sunday morning services with her playing the organ will stay with me forever. Choir practice (we were awful but she never gave up on us), practices for the Christmas programs, and so much more. I remember her playing the bells and the whole town would listen. We missed her terribly when she went to the Reddick church, but they were lucky to have her. Suzie I remember you the most because you were closest to my age, but Jeff and Steve I remember you boys also. I am so sorry for your loss, your mom was a great lady.*

Kathy (Schultz) Bertrand - April 05, 2020 at 11:00 AM



“ *Steve, Jeff and Sue I'm sorry for your loss. I always liked your Mom and Dad. I still remember the time Jeff hung onto the car's sun visor*

Elton Mau - April 02, 2020 at 11:27 PM



“ *Our sincere sympathy on the loss of your mother. She was a sweet lady and we have many memories of parents. Praying for peace and comfort from God, our father, as you grieve and celebrate her life.*

Don and Deb English

Deb English - April 02, 2020 at 08:31 AM

BL

“ I am sorry for the loss to the family. May your memories of her bring you smiles for years to come.

Brian Lovell - April 02, 2020 at 08:18 AM

DS

“ I'm a friend of Ed's and come to Harvest Manor to meet Ruby last fall. She was beautiful and delightful. She told me things about Ed that I could remind him of during our visits. I would say the Piggush family are wonderful people who have God as the center of their lives. I sure miss Ed during this time of quarantine.

Delena Smith - March 31, 2020 at 01:42 PM

AM

“ My sympathies to all the family. I have really been missing my visits with Ruby.
I know how hard it is to lose a family member.
A friend, Alice Mogensen

Alice Mogensen - March 31, 2020 at 10:47 AM

WS

“ We are neighbors of Ruby's. We live around the corner on Willow St. we always enjoyed chatting with Ruby, and Jerry too, when we walked our dog. She was always so friendly and fun to visit with. Now she and Jerry Rest In Peace. Wendy and Greg Skarstad

wendy skarstad - March 30, 2020 at 08:07 PM

LS

Shirley and Leon Malone would love to share condolences to the family.

Leon Malone and Shirley - April 01, 2020 at 02:15 PM

MV

“ We loved time with Ruby. Her love for music will forever be remembered. She LOVED her family! ❤️

Mike and Laura Vigna - March 30, 2020 at 07:42 PM

DP

“ SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. DURELLE & MARILYN PRITCHARD.

Durelle Pritchard - March 30, 2020 at 07:35 PM

JG

“ Jeff and Family
We are sorry for your loss.
John and Phyllis Geschwind

John Geschwind - March 30, 2020 at 04:39 PM

HM

“ So sorry to hear of Ruby's passing. She came to Missouri to visit her sister Ella, my grandma, when I was a child. I remember Ella absolutely loved seeing Ruby and Margaret on that visit. My condolences to the entire family.

Heather Mauk - March 29, 2020 at 10:15 PM

LR

“ Aunt Ruby will be greatly missed by all who knew her. She was so talented, a very kind soul, always with a smile on her face. I will never forget the times my family spent with both her and Jerry. They will never be forgotten. My condolences to Sue, Jeff, Steve and the entire family. So very sorry for your loss. Love and prayers going your way to get you through this difficult time.

Leonora Retzl - March 29, 2020 at 05:19 PM

BR

*My sympathies to you Lee and your family. Know she is in your heart always.
Bonnie Siwek*

Bonnie Siwek friend of Lee Retzl - March 29, 2020 at 05:32 PM

CG

“ *Our sympathy is extended to Steve, Jeff, Sue, and families on the passing of Ruby. Joyce and I have fond memories of friendship and interactions with Ruby and Jerry over many years. God's Blessings for All.*

Charlie and Joyce Grotevant

Charlie Grotevant - March 29, 2020 at 03:21 PM

BO

“ *Ruby and Jerry were such nice people. I remember many fun times at their house in the country. I am so sorry to hear of her passing. Thoughts to the family.*

Brenda Overright - March 29, 2020 at 02:03 PM

GL

“ *So sorry to hear about the loss of our beautiful Aunt Ruby. She was such a remarkable, kind, sweet, talented lady. I extend my deepest sympathies to Steve, Jeff, Sue and all the Strachan family. We will surely miss her. Love to all of you. Gloria*

Gloria Lagesse - March 28, 2020 at 07:14 PM

DW

“ So sorry to hear of Ruby passing away. She was a talented, lovely, lady and friend. She will be missed & remembered. Our sympathy, thoughts and prayers to all of her family. God Bless,
Donna & Merlyn Witheft

Donna Witheft - March 28, 2020 at 04:37 PM

RP

“ Aunt Ruby was a wonderful, kindhearted and talented gift to us all. I am so thankful for the time that she walked on this earth with us. We will miss the visits, the family history we discussed, and her talent on the keyboards. She was such a joy!
We are truly heartbroken and pray for the comfort of the Lord for her and her children, grandchildren and great grandchild. She was truly blessed!
We are so sorry for your loss.
God bless all of you.
Rich & Judy Piggush

Richard Piggush - March 28, 2020 at 03:21 PM

CD

“ Ruby has always been one of my favorite people. I remember her from the neighborhood in Herscher when she was a teenager, her years at Buckingham UM Church, UMW local and district activities, and most recently as our piano player at Harvest View for our Bible Study times. Most importantly I am proud to say she was a good friend. I will miss her.
All of you have my sympathy she loved her family.
Carol Desch.

Carol and Carl Desch - March 28, 2020 at 02:40 PM