



Ruth L. Kinnersley

August 17, 1922 - December 4, 2017

Ruth LaVaughn Kinnersley, pastor's wife, elementary school teacher, and servant of Christ passed away December 4, 2017 at age 95. The Funeral Service is 10:00 a.m. Saturday, December 16 at the Manteno Church of the Nazarene in Manteno, IL. Visitation with the family is scheduled for 3:00-7:00 p.m. on Friday, December 15 at Schreffler's Funeral Home, 1900 West Court Street in Kankakee, IL and immediately before the funeral service at the church from 9:00-10:00 a.m.

Ruth was born in Villisca, Iowa August 17, 1922 to Harold and Bertha (Watt) Peters. She and her husband Robert pastored churches in Iowa, North Dakota, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Illinois for the Church of the Nazarene. Ruth served Christ through the church all her life. She served as a volunteer missionary in Romania, Papua New Guinea, Kazakhstan, Russia, Guatemala, Madagascar, and Trinidad. She attended Aurora College, Olivet Nazarene University, and Minot State University for her Bachelor Degree in Education and earned a Master Degree in Reading from the University of Wisconsin. She is survived by her children: Roberta Schoenwetter (Marvin), Reva Schoenwetter (David), Ron Kinnersley (Eva), Rachel Rieder Luther (Bill), Roger Kinnersley (Cheryl), Randy Kinnersley (Ruth), Renee Kindle (Doug), and Rick Kinnersley (Merilee), 22 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren, and 3 great-great-grandchildren and a sister Laura Lee Harper Schwarzburg. She was preceded in death by her husband of 53 years, Reverend Robert L. Kinnersley, her parents Harold and Bertha Peters, a sister Marie Clark

Watkins, and her son-in-law Gene Rieder.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers donations be made to the Ruth Kinnersley Missions Scholarships Endowment (number 157) at the Church of the Nazarene Foundation, 17001 Prairie Star Pkwy, Suite 200, Lenexa, KS 66220 (on-line at https://www.cnf.nazarenefoundation.org/donate_now; choose the Ruth Kinnersley Missions Scholarships Endowment from the designations dropdown menu) or a charity of the donor's choice.

Cemetery Details

Kankakee Memorial Gardens

15 South 3000 E. Rd.
Kankakee, IL 60901

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 15. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Schreffler Funeral Home - Kankakee Chapel
1900 W. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-2421
<https://www.schrefflerfuneralhomes.com/>

Visitation

DEC 16. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Manteno Church of the Nazarene
698 N. Locust St.
Manteno, IL 60950

Funeral Service

DEC 16. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Ruth L. Kinnersley*

February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM



“ *Tammy Shane lit a candle in memory of Ruth L. Kinnersley*



Tammy Shane - December 13, 2017 at 11:05 AM



“ *"Ruth was one of the persons I most looked forward to seeing, and visiting with, when attending Camp Meeting, District Assembly, etc. etc. She always had such a positive attitude on any subject we discussed. I will miss seeing her at district events. She was a special friend."*

Wilma Leatherman - December 12, 2017 at 10:17 PM



“ *She will be missed. I trust her life story can still inspire others to serve as she did for so many, many years. I know she made a real impression on those around when she came to serve at the MK school in Papua New Guinea, arriving on her 73rd birthday, as I recall. I am grateful for her willingness, and anticipate sharing stories through the ages when we get together again on the other side.*

Mary Beth Leatherman - December 12, 2017 at 07:42 PM

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“ *It is with sincere sympathy that I extend my heartfelt condolences to Dr. Randy Kinnersley, his siblings, and the other family members and friends of Mrs. Ruth Kinnersley.*

steve wells - December 11, 2017 at 12:29 PM