



Don't think of me as gone away
my journey has just begun,
Life holds so many facets.

Just think of me as resting
from the sorrows and tears
in a place of warmth and comfort
where there are no days and years.

Think how he must be wishing
that we could know today
how nothing but our sadness
can really pass away.

And think of me as living
in the hearts of those I've touched...
for nothing loved is ever lost
and she was loved so much.

I N L O V I N G
Memory

Ruth Elaine Garvin

August 4, 1927 † July 31, 2023

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Monday, August 7, 2023

11:00 AM

New Life Christian Church

Alexandria, Minnesota

OFFICIATING

Pastor John Taplin

URN BEARERS

Dennis Lukes Christian Garvin

Matthew Medenwaldt

HONORARY URN BEARERS

Michelle Rhen Dianna Roers

Deanna Ziesman Jamie Cain

Denise Lukes Wendy Taggart

INTERMENT

Nelson Cemetery

Nelson, Minnesota

Arrangements by

Anderson Funeral Home and Crematory

Alexandria, Minnesota

Ruth Elaine Garvin, a beloved mother, grandmother, great grandmother and friend, passed away peacefully at her home at Nelson Gables on July 31, 2023. She was born on August 4, 1927, in Glenwood, Minnesota to Glenn and Esther Scott. Ruth was known for her kind heart and unwavering dedication to her family and community.

Ruth completed the 10th grade at Villard Public School before embarking on a remarkable journey as a loving wife and mother. On September 20, 1943, she married the love of her life, Orville Garvin, at the Douglas County Courthouse. Together they raised five children - Connie, Audrey, Betty, Donna, and Scott. Ruth's devotion to her family knew no bounds, and she found joy in every moment spent with them.

In addition to her role as a dedicated mother and wife, Ruth took an active part in her community. She was a proud member of the Douglas County Republicans and represented them as a delegate at numerous conventions. Ruth's commitment to public service extended further as she served as secretary for Orange Township. Her dedication to her community earned her respect and admiration from all who knew her.

Throughout her life, Ruth enjoyed various hobbies and activities that filled her days with happiness. She had a talent for card games. Dancing brought joy to Ruth's heart, and in quieter moments, she found solace in reading books. Additionally, Ruth channeled her creativity into knitting and sewing beautiful creations for her loved ones.

Ruth was proud of the numerous organizations she was involved with over the years. She was an active member of the American Legion Auxiliary in Villard, the Villard Birthday Club, Forada Seniors, and the Alexandria Senior Center.

Ruth will be forever cherished in the hearts of her loved ones. She is survived by her five children - Connie (Roy) Medenwaldt, Audrey Cain, Betty (Mark) Lukes, Donna Wohlenhaus, and Scott Garvin. Her memory will also be lovingly remembered by her grandchildren - Matthew (Liz) Medenwaldt, Michelle (Chad) Rhen, Dianna (Chris) Roers, Deanna (Fred) Ziesman, Jamie Cain, Dennis Lukes, Denise Lukes, Wendy (Ray) Taggart, and Christian Garvin. Ruth's great-grandchildren - Kate Medenwaldt, Isak Rhen, Nina Rhen, Devin Roers, Sadie Roers, Emma Roers, Allen Ziesman, Amanda Ziesman, Emerson Lukes, Harmony Taggart, and Kyron Wohlenhaus - were a source of tremendous joy in her life.

In addition to her loving family members mentioned above, she is survived by her sister Vida Helms and sister-in-law Vivian Scott.

Ruth was preceded in death by her husband Orville Garvin, her granddaughter Brandy Wohlenhaus, her parents Glenn and Esther Scott as well as her sister Ruby Woida and brother Doug Scott.

Ruth Elaine Garvin was a remarkable woman who touched the lives of all who knew her. Her kind and nurturing spirit will forever be remembered, and her legacy will continue to inspire future generations. She will be greatly missed but never forgotten.

Please join us in celebrating the life of Ruth Elaine Garvin. May her soul rest in eternal peace.

Celebrating THE Life OF



Ruth E. Garvin
1927 - 2023