

Judith Anne Ruppert was born on April 4, 1936, in Pipestone, Minnesota to Wendell and Francana (Duke) Keeler. She was educated in Pipestone, before moving to Currie, MN, where she graduated in 1954 from Immaculate Heart-Mary Catholic School.

On September 16, 1954, Judy was united in marriage to Orville Ruppert in Pipestone, MN. To this union, nine children were born. The Ruppert family lived in Currie where Judy helped Orville farm until 1967, when they bought a Coast to Coast Hardware Store in Tracy, Minnesota. In 1977, the family moved to Battle Lake and Fergus Falls in 1980. Judy attended Fergus Falls Community College and earned a degree in nursing in 1981. She worked at area nursing homes and volunteered her time praying with residents. The couple moved to Alexandria where she continued her nursing career until retiring in 1992.

Judy was an avid reader. She enjoyed working on crossword puzzles, playing Scrabble and having card parties with her family and friends. She enjoyed bird-watching and especially loved cardinals. Her cardinal collection brought her much joy. Judy had a very strong faith and enjoyed weekly prayer groups.

Judy died on Thursday, November 14, 2019, at the Evansville Care Center at the age of 83. She is survived by her sons, Dennis of Sauk Centre; Dean of Spearfish, SD; Bill of Fergus Falls; Brian of Alexandria; Joe (Jamie) of Plattsmouth, NE; daughters, Lynn Solberg of Alexandria; Jane (Carl) Burton of Fergus Falls; Hope (Benet) Schulz of Hoffman; and Tammy (Brandt) Johnson of Fergus Falls; 26 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren; brothers, Dick (Judy) Keeler and Jeff (Darla) Keeler; sisters, Betty (James) Gardner, Patty (LaValle) Madsen, Angie (Ed) Smith, and Virginia (Terry) Lacugnato; and many nieces and nephews. Judy is preceded in death by her parents, Wendell and Francana; husband, Orville; brothers, Jim and Chuck Keeler.

The Twenty-Third Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:

He leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil: my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

In Memory of
Judith A. Ruppert

April 4, 1936



November 14, 2019

Mass of Christian Burial
St. Mary's Catholic Church
Alexandria, Minnesota
Tues, November 19, 2019
1:30 PM



Officiant

Reverend Father Steve Binsfeld

Casket Bearers

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| Dennis Ruppert | Dean Ruppert |
| Bill Ruppert | Brian Ruppert |
| Joseph Ruppert | Brandt Johnson |

Honorary Casket Bear

Carl Burton

Interment

St. Mary's Cemetery
Alexandria, Minnesota