



Ruth M. Smeltz

November 1, 1923 - April 18, 2024

Ruth M. Smeltz, 100, formerly of Mount Joy, passed away on Thursday, April 18, 2024 at Brethren Village. Born in West Donegal Township, she was the daughter of the late Martin and Sarah (Ebersole) Shearer. Ruth was the wife of the late D. Lester Smeltz who passed away on November 14, 2021.

Ruth was a graduate of the former East Donegal Township High School class of 1941. She retired from Wyeth Laboratories in 1988 after 23 years of service. Ruth was a member of Florin Church of the Brethren in Mount Joy, where she served as a Deacon Emeritus, taught Sunday School and sang in the choir. She enjoyed reading, embroidery and was an excellent cook.

Surviving are two daughters, Linda Krause, wife of the late Ronald of Lancaster and Debra Ober, wife of Jere of Mount Joy; four grandchildren; fifteen great grandchildren; seven great great grandchildren; and two sisters, Mary Haldeman of Brethren Village and Esther Yeagley of Elizabethtown.

She was preceded in death by a grandson, Adam Ober; son in law, Ronald Krause; and a sister, Dorothy Walters.

A funeral service honoring Ruth's life will be held on Thursday, April 25, 2024 at the Brethren Village Chapel, 3001 Lititz Pike, Lititz, PA 17543 at 2 PM.

Family and friends will be received at the chapel before the service from 1 PM to 2 PM. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Brethren Village Good Samaritan Fund (address above).

Previous Events

Family and Friends

APR **25**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM.

Chapel Before The Service

Funeral Service

APR **25**. 2:00 PM.

Brethren Village Chapel

Tribute Wall

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“ *My heart goes out to the family, especially Deb and Linda. I know this is a difficult time for you, but I also know you want your Mom to be at peace. She is now in heaven with loved ones that will be there to take care of her. Peace be with you and your family during the difficult days ahead. Hugs and love.*



Laura Lefever - April 25, 2024 at 10:44 AM

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“ *To the family of Ruth Smeltz, especially Linda and Deb, I send sincere condolences on the loss of your mother and grandmother. As a member of the extended Groff family, I have fond memories of Ruth and late husband Lester who were closely connected with my family going back to the 1960's when I first joined this extended family. She will be missed.*

Ruth's passing is an end of an era; she joins most of my generation in this family who are now with Ruth in heaven. You and I are blessed to be a part of this great family. My blessings to all of you

Dick Regensburger, Lancaster

Richard P Regensburger - April 22, 2024 at 03:38 PM

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My condolences to you, Linda, Deb, and your families on the passing of your family's matriarch, Ruth. She lived a full life here on earth and I can envision her in eternity with her family and friends who have gone before. Ruth and Lester were a very special couple whom we greatly appreciated. We have many fond memories of them in the life of the Florin church. The last time we saw them was when Glenn and I did a hymn sing at Brethren Village shortly before the pandemic, and they stopped and chatted a few minutes before they took their seats. Your family is blessed with the rich heritage Lester and Ruth passed on. May you be able to keep those cherished memories alive!

Sylvia & Glenn Weaver - June 17, 2024 at 07:25 AM