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May 1, 2020

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July 19, 1926 - May 1, 2020

At 93, Mary Ruth Lehman left this earth, carried by the angels into the open arms of God. She was the daughter of Christian K. and Mary Risser Lehman. Mary Ruth was the last surviving sibling in a family of nine.

She grew up on a farm in Millersville. Through her life she was always growing something in the ground. Towards the end, it was grapefruit seeds in a lid at her sink.

She graduated in 1945 from Eastern Mennonite High School in Harrisonburg, VA. Her formal education ended but that did not stop her from learning anything and everything. She read her whole life and read often to her children. In her 90's she had to use a magnifying glass for her one good eye.

She married Richard Norman Lehman, Sr. on June 28, 1947, and they had 60 years together. They were members of ACTS Covenant Fellowship. He died on October 11, 2007.

Called "Ruth" all her life, she began using her full name, "Mary Ruth" the last ten years of her life. She lived in an apartment in Lancaster.

She was also an avid crocheter. She crocheted afghans for gifts to her children, her grandchildren, her great-grandchildren, and to anyone who needed warmth. She also volunteered for Office of Aging and for Prison Ministry.

Surviving are eight children (from oldest to youngest): Rachel (Paul) Keeler, Becky Zook, Ron (Mary Alice) Lehman, Rhoda (Dennis) Stoesz, Ruby Anderson, Robin (Randy) Snyder, Rick (Teresa) Lehman, Jr., and Raym (Linda) Lehman.

Mary Ruth prayed constantly. She prayed for her children, her grandchildren (23), her great-grandchildren (22), and her great-great-grandchildren (2). She loved them all.

There will be a private interment.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Ruth Lehman*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *I remember playing Boggle with Ruth in her kitchen. I remember thanks to her I got a job at Global Disciples. And most of all I remember that whenever I asked her how she was doing, Ruth always responded "blessed and grateful." I asked her if I could copy her in that response and she just smiled. Such a great role model to me of a godly woman. She has left quite a legacy beyond her family. The Lord's comfort be with each one of you.*

Kim Myers - May 14, 2020 at 06:48 PM



“ *What a wonderful ray of sunshine Ruth always was! Blessed and Grateful is how she lived her life. Ruth was always giving, sharing, caring, and praying for others.*

Lois Martin - May 03, 2020 at 11:36 PM



“ *Ruth was a gem. Always blessed and grateful when asked how she was doing. We will miss her.*

Alice Brown - May 03, 2020 at 11:31 AM



Ruth was inspirational. She loved Jesus and shared his love with everyone. She would challenge you with a question or give you a book to prod you. She will be dearly missed!!!!

Beth Neupauer - May 03, 2020 at 09:56 PM

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Ruth was a very good friend to me over the years. Since she lived close to me she traveled with me to many places, church services, prayer meetings, and other types of gatherings. I will always remember her breaking into song as we went. She had some very interesting and challenging questions. Her concern and love for her family was always on her mind. Also her pride in their accomplishments was so evident. I know that I will think about her when I get in my car to go to the places we went together. Her love for babies and children and families was a big part of her life. Now gone from our sight but not our minds and hearts.

Kathleen B Hollinger - May 04, 2020 at 11:03 AM

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I'm grateful for Ruth in a number of ways. One is that she cared about my wife Lucy and our family. For a time were in a small group with her and Richard. She would also share newsletters with me that encouraged me in my faith and outreach. Another thing -- she was gentle and kind, as well as intelligent -- not a pushover. So I hope that while the family misses her, they/you will also be comforted with memories that encourage you as you continue your lives.

Steven Martin - May 10, 2020 at 09:23 PM