



## Ruth E. Richelderfer

June 2, 2019

Ruth E. Richelderfer, 81, passed away on Sunday, June 2, 2019 at Arbor View at Willow Valley. Born in Lancaster, PA, she was the daughter of the late Clair and Annabelle Groff Lefever and the wife of Russell G. Richelderfer with whom she celebrated 49 years of marriage.

In 1956, she graduated from J.P. McCaskey High School. She worked for Donnelly Printing in the production line retiring after 30 years of service.

Her grandchildren and great-grandchildren always brought a smile to her face. She loved boating in Ocean City, MD, the new friends she made at Willow Valley, playing cards with family and gospel music.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by her daughter, Roxanne S. Landis, Roaring Branch, PA, two sons: Douglas E. husband of Carlene Singleton, Simi Valley, CA, James R. husband of Carol Singleton, Columbia, PA, a brother, Robert M. Lefever, Landisville, PA, two nieces, a nephew, nine grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her son-in-law, Richard Landis.

Friends and family are respectfully invited to attend a Memorial Service at the Orr Auditorium at Willow Valley Manor, 211 Willow Valley Square, Lancaster, PA, on Monday, June 10, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. with Chaplain Kenneth Phillips

officiating. Friends may greet the family following the service.

The family would like to thank the caregivers at Arbor View at Willow Valley for their excellent care.

Please omit flowers. Memorial contributions in Ruth's name may be made to Hospice & Community Care, 685 Good Drive, P.O. Box 4125, Lancaster, PA 17604-4125.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ruth E. Richelderfer*

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October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM

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“ Mommy,

*I have started this over and over and I have come to the conclusion that there are no words in any language in this world to explain how much I love you and how much I am going to miss you.*

*You are the strongest woman I have ever known, and you proved this over and over again by things you have done and things you have overcome. You were fearless.....only YOU would come to our farm and drive skid loaders, tractors, snowmobiles and even once (and only once) let Rick talk you into going on the upside-down roller coaster in Ocean City. You always enjoyed telling people that story! But, that being said, you never did overcome your fear of mice. I found that out the time Jesslyn's cat brought you a little furry present when you were at my house!*

*These past few years have been hard as your health declined. I can only imagine how hard it was for you, yet you never failed to worry about all of us. I remember us walking together years ago in Ocean City and you would reach out to hold my hand when we crossed the busy streets. I was in my 30's!!! It seemed so silly at the time and now I see it as something a mother always instinctively does. Even at the age of 62, when I would leave your house, you would always worry about me driving in the dark and made me text you when I got home.*

*There are so many things I want to say yet selfishly, I just want to keep and treasure them in my heart.*

*I will end with this.....I inherited my stubbornness from you, and I am thankful for that. Some may see that as a bad thing, a negative character trait, but I see it as one that kept us strong and forging ahead when times got tough. And no one was tougher than you! (except for that mouse thing!)*

*I made two promises to you the last days of your life. You asked me*

*to promise that we would take care of Pop. That is a promise that will be very easily kept. You gave us a priceless gift when you brought him into our lives. I have never known a more loving, caring and generous man. He is selfless, a man of integrity and has always taken care of everyone and now I will do my best to see that he is taken care of and looked after. You were both so blessed to have each other.*

*The last promise I made to you was the hardest one but the most important one I have ever made. I told you that you were there when I took my first breath and I promised you I would be there when you took your last breath and I kept that promise. I told you that you would not make this final journey alone. I told you that you could leave us and go directly to the open arms of all of your loved ones who have gone on before you. I know that was a wonderful reunion and I know Rick gave you one of his big hugs, as only he could give.*

*I love you and I miss you desperately. Until we meet again, I will hold you closely in my heart.*

*Roxanne*

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**Roxanne Landis** - June 14, 2019 at 01:01 PM

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*“ I love and miss you so much Mom ! You have blessed our lives & made us richer because of who you are. We are all better people because of you and how your raised us. You're always at the forefront of my heart and always will be. Rest & be at peace Mom !*

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**Doug Singleton** - June 11, 2019 at 09:03 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ruth E. Richelderfer.*



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June 10, 2019 at 06:23 AM



“ *Are love and thoughts are with you all at this sad time. Noel/Argel and family N.Ireland xx*

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**argel crane** - June 05, 2019 at 08:59 AM



“ *I have nothing but fond childhood memories of Aunt Ruth. In my heart and prayers.*

*Russ Lepard*

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**Russell Lepard** - June 04, 2019 at 10:31 AM