



Ruby Koch

April 2, 1928 - March 24, 2017

Ruby Irene (Poet) Koch, age 88, of Clare, passed away peacefully on Friday, March 24, 2017 at the Woodland Hospice House. Ruby was born the daughter of Glenn and Donna Poet on April 2, 1928 in Sheridan Township, Michigan. Following a childhood on a farm, she was an operator for the local telephone company. Ruby was united in marriage to Willard (Bill) Mercer Koch on February 19, 1949. In 1967, they restored and reopened the Ideal Theater, which Ruby and Bill ran until it was sold in 1996. In 1980, Ruby and Bill opened up a dress shop named HerPlace in downtown Clare, Michigan, which she ran until 2008. Ruby loved both the Ideal Theater and Her Place (and was deemed “The First Lady of Fashion” by a local newspaper, but also enjoyed golfing, traveling, nature, and baking pies for her loved ones. Ruby is survived by her husband Bill Koch, her children Thomas (Michelle) Koch, Amy Koch, granddaughter Jennifer (Daniel) Donovan, sisters-in-law Nettie Mary Koch and Faye Poet, and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her siblings Frank (Dorothy) Poet, Esther (Harry) Johnson, Sally (Herb) McDonald, Virginia (Carl) Stephenson, and Joseph Poet. Visitation and services will be held at the Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home of Clare. Visitation will be held Tuesday, March 28 from 6:00-8:00 in the evening. A memorial service will take place on Wednesday, March 29 at 11:00 in the morning. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in Ruby's name to the Woodland Hospice House in Mount Pleasant or to the National Wildlife Federation.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 28. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Stephenson - Wyman Funeral Home (Clare)
1005 North McEwan St.
Clare, MI 48617
(989) 386-7451
wymanhf@chartermi.net
<https://www.stephenson-wyman.com/>

Service

MAR 29. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DV

“ *Mrs. Koch was one of a kind! She was always so friendly and warm to me when I invaded her house with Amy and a pack of high school friends. I treasure those days a great deal.*

For Amy and the rest of the family, she lives within you always. May you find comfort in your great memories of a life well lived.

Amy, I would love to get contact information for you. If possible, please send a quick note to darlene.vagnozzi@okemosk12.net.

I'll be thinking of you and wishing you all the best in the coming days.

Darlene (Seiter) Vagnozzi, Okemos, Michigan

Darlene Vagnozzi - April 10, 2017 at 04:18 PM

BB

“ *Bob Bergey lit a candle in memory of Ruby Koch*



Bob Bergey - March 31, 2017 at 11:56 PM

BD

“ *Bridget Delaney-Adams lit a candle in memory of Ruby Koch*



Bridget Delaney-Adams - March 30, 2017 at 04:24 PM

BD

“ My heart and prayers of comfort are with Uncle Bill, Tommy & Michelle, Amy, Jennifer & Dan on this sad, sad day as they say goodbye to their loving wife, amazing and invincible Mom and loving Grandmother. The entire world dimmed when Aunt Ruby was called home.....on the wings of the Angels.

I have so many wonderful moments and memories created by Aunt Ruby, just for me....as she created for everyone who was lucky enough to be a part of her world. I will always hold dearest every time she called my name...."Well Bridget" was a song to me from Aunt Ruby I can hear now and will never forget, followed by the most amazing smile with her eyes sparkling and a hug that melted me into her loving hug...that is how I always knew you and how I will always remember you💕. My Mama used to tell all her friends and neighbors you were the "First Lady" of Clare, no truer words could describe you. I am heartbroken I could not be there to say goodbye today or hear you call my name, just one more time. Forever will I love you and hold you in my heart ❤️

Loving you, your niece Bridget

Bridget Delaney-Adams - March 29, 2017 at 10:28 PM

JK

Well said Bridget... hugs! ❤️

Judy Koch-Gulotty - March 30, 2017 at 10:05 AM

PM

“ So sorry to hear that Ruby has passed. She was a lovely lady and I enjoyed talking to her many, many times when I was calling on her for advertising in the Review at Style on Top where we often would run into each other. She will be missed.
Pat Maurer

Patricia Maurer - March 29, 2017 at 01:13 PM

MD

“ So Sorry for your loss. Ruby was a wonderful lady that will be sadly missed by many. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

Frank & Micky Davis

Micky davis - March 29, 2017 at 11:15 AM

JH

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Ruby was such a kind woman and always welcomed us into their home. We have many great memories growing up across the street from your family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.

Tom Shaner, Sue (Shaner)Hemstreet, Nancy (Shaner)Winter, & Judy (Shaner)Hasler

Judy Hasler - March 28, 2017 at 04:59 AM

BH

“ What a life she lived and how she impacted her families and so many others in this community. What an amazing legacy, great memories.

Bruce Hales - March 27, 2017 at 09:20 PM

BC

“ So sad; to hear that Mrs. Koch has passed. She was such a lovely, warm woman, with a beautiful smile. I know she'll be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Barb and John Cruden - March 27, 2017 at 05:45 PM

DC

“ So sorry to hear this news. Ruby will be greatly missed.

Don Chiodo - March 27, 2017 at 03:26 PM

MB

“ So glad I had the privilege of being Mrs. Koch's neighbor. Such a delightful and kind woman. We had many wonderful conversations at the mailbox or when the kids were selling stuff for fund raisers. She will be missed. Prayers for your family. - Michelle Buccilli

Michelle Buccilli - March 27, 2017 at 08:08 AM

LR

“ I never had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Koch. I have worked for Mrs Koch's wonderful daughter Amy. Amy is kind and generous and loves her precious pups. This is how I know that the woman who raised Amy must be all these things and more. My heart goes out to a family missing their special matriarch. God Be With You Koch Family.

lecia Reeve - March 27, 2017 at 06:33 AM

JH

“ Ruby always had a great smile and kind words whenever I saw her in Clare. She was a beautiful lady inside and out. So very sorry for your loss Tom and Amy and families. She will be missed greatly by her many friends in Clare. Prayers for you at this time and in the days to come as you mourn and remember your lives with your mother. Joanne (Jackson) Horton Lansing, Michigan.

Joanne (Jackson) Horton - March 26, 2017 at 08:40 PM

KJ

“ Will always miss Ruby's warm heart and beautiful smile. Strength and prayers to her family Don and Karen Jones

Karen Jones - March 26, 2017 at 03:20 PM

JB

“ Tom, Amy and family,
I can not tell how sorry I was to hear about Aunt Ruby. She always
made it to every family function and of course looking just perfect. I
will truly miss those eyes.
All of my special love,
Jolene

Jolene Koch Bottini - March 25, 2017 at 04:54 PM