



Ruby Ann Gatz

February 1, 1929 - October 27, 2019

Ruby Ann Gatz was born in Willmar, MN on February 1, 1929 to Ruben and Anna (Lindquist) Ahlstrom. She was raised in Minneapolis, MN with her two brothers, Robert and Wilton (Bill), and graduated from Minneapolis Washburn High School in 1947.

Ruby was united in marriage to William E. Gatz on March 10, 1951. Shortly after they were married, Bill and Ruby moved to Bloomington, MN and their union was blessed with five children: Sharon, Edward, Kerry, Thomas, and Timothy. Ruby loved being a homemaker and raising her children. She and Bill joined Emmaus Lutheran Church in Bloomington in the late 1950s and all their children were confirmed there. The church was the center of focus for the Gatz family. Ruby enjoyed the Ladies Circle, Bible Study, and helping her husband with Christian Camping. Her faith was strong and the friendships she made at Emmaus were treasured throughout her life. After Bill's death, Ruby often traveled to see her son Edward in Hawaii. For the last year, she lived at Casa Del Oso in Albuquerque, NM, near her daughter. The staff and residents at the Casa loved Ruby and she loved them back. Her hospice providers described visits to Ruby as the highlight of their day.

Ruby loved many things—especially dogs, chocolate, warm weather, potpourri, fragrant plants, conversation, good food, clipping articles, and of course her family and friends. Her family can attest to Ruby's baking abilities,

and she was well known for her banana bread with cherries and chocolate chips. Ruby will be remembered as a kind, loving and spirited person who opened her arms to everyone she crossed paths with.

Ruby will be laid to rest at Fort Snelling Cemetery with her beloved husband Bill. She was preceded in death by her parents, and brother Robert. Ruby is survived by daughter, Sharon (Ron) Christensen; sons, Edward, Kerry (Kim), Thomas (Nancy), and Timothy (Maria); granddaughters, Sarah, Rachel, Abbey, Maya, and Emelia; grandsons, Fletcher, Andrew, Austin, Samuel, and Jacob; and great grandchildren Adelaide, Amelia, and Rosemary. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to your local Humane Society in memory of Ruby.

Cemetery Details

Fort Snelling National Cemetery

7601 34th Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55450

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 14. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Emmaus Lutheran Church
8443 2nd Ave S
Bloomington, MN 55420

Church Service

NOV 14. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (CT)

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Graveside Service

NOV 14. 1:30 PM - 1:45 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Kim C - March 14, 2020 at 12:59 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ruby Ann Gatz.



November 13, 2019 at 04:22 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Ruby Ann Gatz.



November 13, 2019 at 04:20 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ruby Ann Gatz.



November 12, 2019 at 10:45 PM

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“ *Jim Barke and Family purchased the Pretty Pleas
e for the family of Ruby Ann Gatz.*



Jim Barke and Family - November 12, 2019 at 08:25 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family
of Ruby Ann Gatz.*



November 09, 2019 at 09:49 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of
Ruby Ann Gatz.*



November 02, 2019 at 07:15 PM