



## Ruth Elaine Rupp

January 17, 1930 - November 4, 2019

Ruth Elaine (Jensen) Rupp Ruth Elaine Jensen, ninth child of Elizabeth Mary (Hanson) Jensen and Henry Edward Jensen, was born January 17, 1930 and grew up in Tracy, MN. On February 18th, 1951, she married Dean Curtis Rupp, the man she asked to the Sadie Hawkins dance her junior year of high school. The two built their home in Burnsville, MN where Ruth has resided for the past 53 years. Ruth loved her family beyond measure and is survived by her four children Alan Rupp, Linda (Rupp) Stein, Kathie (Rupp) Boe, and David Rupp along with each of their spouses, ten grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. After her husband's death in October 1975, Ruth stepped into the role of Chairman and CEO of Rupp Industries, Inc., a commercial industrial heating, ventilating, and air conditioning manufacturing company. It was a role she hadn't expected, but with her characteristic tenacity, intelligence, and courage, she thrived in her work - indeed, during her tenure, the firm expanded into an international corporation. The business was sold in 2008. Ruth was unfailingly generous in her time, energy, and boundless compassion for others. She was truly a servant leader: she served on the Executive Board of the Norwegian American Chamber of Commerce, was involved in establishing the Minnesota Trade Office with Norway, and completed several international trade missions for the state of Minnesota. When she wasn't traveling, serving, or leading, Ruth also had a great passion for painting, ranging in forms from Scandinavian folk art to fine art. Ruth took her final breaths on November 4, 2019, the anniversary of her husband's

birthday, and was surrounded by her loved ones til the end. Visitation will be held on Monday, November 11, 2019 from 11:00am - 1:00pm, followed by a service at 1:15pm at Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel. There will be a private family interment after the service.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 11. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Edina Chapel  
5000 West 50th & Highway 100  
Edina, MN 55436  
(952) 920-3996  
[info@washburn-mcreavy.com](mailto:info@washburn-mcreavy.com)

## Chapel Service

NOV 11. 1:15 PM - 2:15 PM (CT)

Edina Chapel  
5000 West 50th & Highway 100  
Edina, MN 55436  
(952) 920-3996  
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# Tribute Wall

DS

“ *Would have been nice to know that my Aunt passed away. Sorry for your loss. Darrin Savoie*

Darrin Savoie - November 22, 2019 at 11:12 PM

DD

“ *My condolences to you all. I'm sorry that I was not able to join you today to celebrate Ruth's life well lived.*

David DePauw - November 11, 2019 at 03:49 PM

CE

“ *Carl and I are so sorry to learn of your loss. Mothers leave a hole in our hearts never to be filled. She will live on through you. God be with you as you journey though this time. Carl and Carol Ekman*

Carol Ekman - November 11, 2019 at 02:56 PM



“ *We are so sorry for your loss. We always enjoyed her Christmas letters. Pat Stein and Steve Harris*

Pat Stein - November 11, 2019 at 02:31 PM

SD

“ *Sherry and Deby purchased the Ocean Breeze S pray for the family of Ruth Elaine Rupp.*



Sherry and Deby - November 10, 2019 at 06:30 PM

LK

“ Love, the Olsons--Bernie, Jude, Kristen & Kari purchased the Joyful Memory for the family of Ruth Elaine Rupp.



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Love, the Olsons--Bernie, Jude, Kristen & Kari - November 09, 2019 at 08:24 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Ruth Elaine Rupp.



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November 08, 2019 at 03:32 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Ruth Elaine Rupp.



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November 08, 2019 at 11:23 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ruth Elaine Rupp.



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November 07, 2019 at 11:48 AM