



Ruth Therese Starke

September 20, 1928 - October 14, 2013

Ruth Therese Starke of Cadillac passed away Monday, October 14, 2013 at Sunnyside Senior Living. She was 85. She was born September 20, 1928 in Mannheim- Sandhofen, Germany to Heinrich and Rosina Elisabetha Arhelger and they preceded her in death. On April 25, 1952 in Germany she married Roger H. Starke and he preceded her in death in September 1977.

Mrs. Starke moved from Germany to Jackson, Michigan in 1955 with her husband. She owned and operated her own salon for over 20 years and had taught at the School of Cosmetology in Ypsilanti. Mrs. Starke continued to cut hair in Florida for fifteen more years after retirement and moved back to Michigan in 2006.

Mrs. Starke had traveled all throughout Europe and had been to Jerusalem. She was an avid swimmer all her life and later participated in the Senior Olympics. She enjoyed ceramics, golf and playing bingo. Mrs. Starke enjoyed music; playing the keyboard and singing in the church choir. She was also a member of the Red Hatters.

She is survived by her sons, Roger (Laurinda) Starke of Cadillac and Ralph (Linda) Starke of Dryden, Michigan; grandchildren: Jessica (Christopher) LaPorte, Jennifer Bittle and Nathan Bittle and great grandchildren: Tenley, Callie and Riley LaPorte and Bryan and Amanda Bittle.

Services will be held 1:00 p.m. Saturday, October 19, 2013 at the Grace Baptist Church (12240 East Chicago Road, Somerset, Michigan 49282). Her final resting place will be Somerset Center Cemetery in Hillsdale County. Arrangements were made by the Peterson Funeral Home in Cadillac. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

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“ *We are sad to hear about Ruth's Passing, but we know she is with our Lord Jesus Christ. Praying for your family.*

Dave & Heather Lorkowski - October 20, 2013 at 07:58 PM

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“ *All our love to you! Blessings abound!*

Tim & Gina Dewey - October 16, 2013 at 09:01 PM