



When tomorrow starts without me, please try to understand, that an angel came and called my name, and took me by the hand.

The angel said my place was ready, in heaven far above, and that I'd have to leave behind all those I dearly love.

But when I walked through Heaven's Gates, I felt so much at home, for God looked down, smiled at me, and told me "Welcome Home."

So when tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're apart, for every time you think of me, I'm right there in your heart.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Ruth Ann Fish

WHO WAS BORN ON

October 22, 1937 - Benson, Illinois

CALLED TO HER ETERNAL HOME

February 5, 2023 - Milbank, South Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICE

Saturday, February 11, 2023 10:30 a.m.

Living Word Lutheran Church

Milbank, South Dakota

OFFICIANT

Pastor Melanie Reiners

MUSICIAN

Vicki Strege, Organist

CASKET BEARERS

Mike Johnson | Dana Johnson | Greg Marshall | Jon Vos

Dave Schroth | Colton Wessel | Richard Fish

INTERMENT

Milbank City Cemetery

Milbank, South Dakota

APPRECIATION

Ruth's family is grateful for your attendance at this service.

Your many expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated. Following the graveside service, please join the family for food and fellowship in the church dining room.

Mundwiler Funeral Home - Milbank, South Dakota

Ruth A. Fish was born on October 22, 1937, to John and Elizabeth (Koch) Weber in Benson, IL. Soon after graduating from Benson High School, Ruth met Ethan Fish. Ethan was the best friend and Navy service mate to Howard Grafelman, who was engaged to Ruth's sister, Joyce. Soon after Howard and Joyce were married, Ethan and Ruth were married on October 20, 1956, spending over 66 years together.

Ruth worked various receptionist jobs in Bloomington and Chicago, IL, while Ethan attended formal training in electrical motor repair. After hearing there was a motor repair shop for sale, Ethan bought Hank Bue's business, and they moved to Milbank in 1959. Ruth was employed at Milbank Mutual until their first child was born. She stayed home to raise their 5 daughters for several years. Ruth was a meticulous house keeper and devoted mother. She stayed 24-7 with her daughter Cindy while she was hospitalized at 2 years old, enduring many surgeries to correct a kidney defect. Once the kids were on their own, Ruth took a job at the FOK Hardware warehouse for 10+ years.

After Ethan fully retired in 1994, the couple traveled extensively. Ruth was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease and was able to manage her illness very well until the last few years. She was strong in her faith and an active member of Living Word Lutheran Church.

Ruth is survived by her husband, Ethan, daughters: Vivian Frenzel, Columbia Heights, MN, Nancy (Mike) Johnson, Susan Shephard and Cynthia Fish, all of Milbank, and Jill (Greg) Marshall, Huron, SD; five grandchildren: Angie (Jon) Vos, Liz (Dave) Schroth, Dana (Alysha) Johnson, Darlene Marshall, and Carolyn (Colton) Wessel; 9 1/2 great-grandchildren; two sisters: Joan Kolb and Barbara Hostetler; and in-laws: Duane (Donna) Fish and Vernita Watkins. Ruth was preceded in death by her parents; siblings: Dale Weber, Joyce Grafelman, and Johnny Weber; and in-laws: James and Anna Fish.

*Praise the LORD, all you nations; extol him, all you peoples.
For great is his love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.
Psalm 117:1-2*

