



Ruth Elaine Langkawel

June 2, 1951 - March 16, 2018

Ruth Elaine (Bird) Langkawel, 66, of Kalkaska, passed away on March 16, 2018 at home. She was born on June 2, 1951 in Grand Rapids, daughter to the late Carroll and Beverly (Erwin) Bird. Ruth's life has taken her on many paths and journeys, each new endeavor met with her unique brand of virtuosity.

Always ready with a listening ear, wise insight and patience beyond compare, she is loved by many and will be greatly missed. She enjoyed many pastimes over the years, from shooting pool and leading a pool league to boating with Otto in their cabin cruiser. From being a family historian and researching genealogy to being a published writer. Most of all, she enjoyed nature and being outdoors, whether at the beach or in her garden, this was her go-to serenity . Ruth was an entrepreneur; she had a zeal and aptitude for knowledge and found herself becoming a licensed builder, real estate broker, and certified appraiser, finally working for the U.S. Census Bureau. She also sat on the Zoning Board of Appeals in Kalkaska County and served as a Notary Public. Ruth is survived by her husband of nearly 38 years Otto Langkawel; daughters Christie (Dana) Bond of Mackinac City and Sara Love Way(Daniel Waters Sr.) of Muskegon; grandchildren: Sarah-Beth Bond of Kalkaska, Joshua Bond of Traverse City, Robert "RJ" Reynolds II, Ross Reynolds, and Rykert Reynolds all of Muskegon; great grandchildren: Ashton-Lane Deitz, Melody Bond, and Rahlin Elijah Reynolds; siblings: Claudia (David) Finkler of Nashville, MI; Paula (Larry) Berens of Sparta;

Darlene (Bill Stoll)Thompson of Ada; Valerie (David) Van Soest of GA; Richard Thompson of Hollywood, CA; and Virgil Keith Thompson of Bridgetown; along with many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, her brother Dennis Bird and a daughter Ruthe Marie. Any condolences sent to the funeral home or webpage will be shared with the family in a private memorial gathering that will take place. Arrangements have been entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

Tribute Wall

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Richard Thompson - March 22, 2018 at 02:52 PM



Sarah-Beth Bond - June 21, 2018 at 01:33 PM

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“ My beautiful Mama. I miss you so much.

Christie Bond - March 20, 2018 at 08:02 PM

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“ Christie Bond lit a candle in memory of Ruth Elaine Langkawel



Christie Bond - March 20, 2018 at 07:58 PM



“ All the summers under the sun, the days spent shopping, and laughter shared, I couldn't be happier to have had you as a grandmother. Rest easy Grams, and enjoy your newest journey.

Sarah-Beth Bond - March 19, 2018 at 03:09 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Ruth Elaine Langkawel.*



March 19, 2018 at 12:58 PM