



Leona M. Rutz

May 11, 1927 - June 18, 2016

Leona M. Rutz, age 89 of Highland, IL, died Saturday, June 18, 2016, at Faith Care Center in Highland, IL.

She was born May 11, 1927, in Highland, IL, the daughter of Joseph and Mary (nee Boyle) Drda.

On September 20, 1948, she married Dale W. Rutz at Highland, IL. He passed away on June 28, 2006.

She was a member of Saint Paul Catholic Church. She was also a member of Highland Country Club.

Leona was born in her family's home in Highland. She was a 1945 graduate of St. Paul High School. Following graduation, she lived with her sister in Birmingham, AL and worked for the Better Business Bureau. She returned to Highland and worked for Pet Milk Co. as a secretary until her first child was born. She stayed home with her children until they were grown and then worked part time for Dr. William Drake. She was active at the Highland Country Club, playing golf in Wednesday League, and was an avid Bridge player, playing in several Duplicate Bridge Groups. She enjoyed holiday family gatherings and taking long walks.

Survivors include :

Daughter - Patricia A. Schnitzer, Highland, IL

Son - Dwight D. (Vicky) Rutz, Highland, IL

Daughter - Marietta L. (Gerald) Miller, Highland, IL

Grandchild - Nicholas D. (Anne) Rutz, Breese, IL

Grandchild - Matt A. (Fiancee Ashley Satorius) Rutz, Broad Ripple, IN

Grandchild - Ariel C. (Nicholas Infante) Frey, Chicago, IL

Great Grandchild - Zander D. Rutz, Breese, IL

Great Grandchild - Breck G. Rutz, Breese, IL

Twin Brother - Leonard T. (Arlene "Sis") Drda, Highland, IL

She was preceded in death by :

Father - Joseph T. Drda died 9/4/1969

Mother - Mary A. Drda nee Boyle died 5/22/1994

Husband - Dale W. Rutz died 6/28/2006

Brother - Joseph W. Drda died 9/1/1977

Brother - Francis A. Drda died 9/28/1977

Sister - Cecelia M. "Cele" Zeller died 6/24/1998

Son In-law - Gerald S. Schnitzer died 12/19/2010

Arrangements are being handled by Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Visitation will be held from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM on Wednesday, June 22, 2016, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Funeral Mass will be at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, June 22, 2016, at Saint Paul Catholic Church in Highland, IL., with Father Pat G. Jakel officiating.

Interment will be at Saint Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Highland, IL.

Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association or Hospice of Southern IL.

Tribute Wall

DP

“ Dear Patricia, Marietta and Dwight,
I have, dear and fond memories of Leona. First were pastoral visits with her at home with Dale in his last days. Then in retirement walking down Faith Drive and sitting on the park bench for a little visit across from the little lake. May she rest in peace with dear Dale.

David Peters

david peters - June 22, 2016 at 08:40 AM

PJ

“ Our sincere sympathy to the family. Sorry we were not able to personally extend our sympathy! You are in our thoughts & prayers!
Sincerely with love, Phyllis Wasmuth Johnson & Bob Kohlbrecher

Phyllis Wasmuth Johnson - June 21, 2016 at 08:55 PM

TG

“ I met Leona when she was being cared for at Faith Countryside Nursing Home, where my father was also staying. Deteriorating health and dementia had already taken their toll on this lovely woman. I watched as her daughters, Pat and Marietta, patiently and lovingly fed her, spoke to her, walked with her every day. While I never had the privilege of knowing Leona when she was whole, I know that she was a wonderful woman whose lifetime of love was reflected back to her by her children in her final days, weeks, months. I send all my love and support to her family in this difficult time.

- Teresa Goodson (Bob's daughter)

Teresa Goodson - June 21, 2016 at 08:49 PM

MM

Thank you for the wonderful note!! It was a pleasure meeting you and may our paths cross again somewhere down the road.

Marietta Miller

Marietta Miller - June 27, 2016 at 05:12 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Leona M. Rutz.*



June 20, 2016 at 06:07 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Leona M. Rutz.*



June 20, 2016 at 10:04 AM