



## Ruth P. Bethurem

December 3, 1916 - October 18, 2013

Ruth P. Bethurem, age 96 of Highland, IL, died Friday, October 18, 2013, at Faith Countryside Homes/Faith Care Center in Highland, IL.

She was born on Sunday, December 03, 1916, in Dallas, TX, the daughter of George L. and Sidony M. (nee Peters) Pettibone.

On Saturday, June 12, 1937, she married Van H. Bethurem who passed away on Friday, November 25, 1988.

She was a member of First Congregational Church, Highland, IL; Dorcas Fellowship member of the church; former member of the Methodist Church, Elizabeth, IL.

Ruth was born in Texas, and at age 3 1/2 she moved to Harrisburg, PA. At 6 years old she moved to Rockford, IL, later to Wichita KS, and Rock Island, IL. After her marriage she lived in Chicago, Des Plaines for 25 years and Elizabeth, IL for 23 years before moving to Highland in 1998. While in Chicago she was a secretary for the City of Chicago. She reared her family and returned to the job market as a secretary at Maine West High School in Des Plaines, IL, for 8 years. Her hobbies in her younger years included playing golf and tennis. The later years she enjoyed playing cards, doing word puzzles, reading, making her own greeting cards and being with her family.

Survivors include:

Daughter - Barbara A. (James) Burgett, Highland, IL

Son - George V. ("Patty" Patricia) Bethurem, El Sobrante - Richmond, CA

Son - Robert "Rob" V. (Alice Ann) Bethurem, Bloomingdale, IL

Grandchild - Stacey L. (Brian) Zobrist, Highland, IL

Grandchild - Jennifer M. (Michael) Schaible, Highland, IL

Grandchild - Douglas J. (Vanessa) Burgett, Champaign, IL

Grandchild - Wendy R. (Roger) Chang, El Grove , CA

Grandchild - Christina Bethurem, Oakland, CA

Grandchild - Allison Bethurem, Sacramento, CA

Great Grandchild - Rachel E. Molinari

Great Grandchild - Andrew J. Molinari

Great Grandchild - Grace D. Zobrist

Great Grandchild - Nicholas M. Schaible

Great Grandchild - Paige B. Schaible

Great Grandchild - Luke G. Schaible

Great Grandchild - Emma R. Chang

Great Grandchild - Hannah Chang

She was preceded in death by:

Husband - Van H. Bethurem died 11/25/1988

Father - George L. Pettibone

Mother - Sidony M. Pettibone nee Peters

Brother - George Pettibone

Sister - Dorothy A. Pitts

Brother - Ralph K. Pettibone

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

Memorial service will be at 11:00 AM on Saturday, October 26, 2013, at 1st Congregational Church in Highland, IL, with Rev. Greg S. Brady, Pastor, officiating.

Private Interment will be at Elizabeth Cemetery in Elizabeth, IL, at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to First Congregational Church.

# Tribute Wall



“ Ruth you were my most favorite resident when I worked at Faith Countryside Homes as a resident care assistant back in 2009/2010. I loved talking to you and watching the Golden Girls with you before I left to go home each night from work. You were one of the reasons I enjoyed going to work everyday, and when I quit my job to work else where it was very hard for me to say good bye. I remember my last night working at Faith and we hugged each other good bye trying not to cry. I still have the birthday and farewell cards you made for me that year. I will cherish them always. I am sorry I never had the chance to come visit you once I moved to another town, I wish now I would have. You're a special person Ruth and very sweet. I will never forget your kindness and companionship. Thank you for being a friend. <3 Love: Heather Hardas

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**Heather DeVaisher** - October 25, 2013 at 06:21 PM



“ Most amazing great grandma I could have ever asked for. I love you so much Grammy. I miss you so much <3 I remember when you used to take me to school every morning and sing to me. You always had awesome food too. I loved to play at your house. You were the best and you will forever be in my heart Grammy. I love you<3

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**rachel molinari** - October 20, 2013 at 09:15 PM



“ A wonderful lady. We enjoyed our brief visits with, when we would see her while visiting her good friend Linette who God took home at about the same time. two fine ladies. How fitting they should go together.

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**Donna Korte** - October 19, 2013 at 07:54 AM

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“ *One of the most beautiful ladies I have ever known....To bad when I asked her to marry me...she said NO!!!  
She'll always hold a special place in my heart..  
Ron Zobrist*

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**ron zobrist** - October 18, 2013 at 04:30 PM