



Ruth Mayou

May 9, 1931 - May 9, 2017

Ruth Mayou, 86, of Holland, went home to heaven May 9, 2017. Ruth was born in New York on July 15, 1930, to Harry Sr., and Dorothy (Hoffman) Close. She graduated from high school and was attending college when she met Mark E. Mayou. Ruth and Mark married in 1951 and started their life of service in ministry together. Mark served as a Baptist minister and Ruth assisted in children and youth ministry. Ruth was also a talented self-taught musician. She often played xylophone, accordion, bells, piano, and organ. But Ruth is probably most remembered for her smile. They served at First Baptist Church in Soap Lake, WA, Bethel Baptist in South Haven, First Baptist of Holland, MI, prior to Mark's retirement when they became members of Ventura Baptist Church of Holland. Ruth was preceded in death by her son, Mark Roy Mayou I, in 1978. She is survived by her husband of 66 years, Rev. Mark E. Mayou, grandson Mark Roy II (Michelle) Mayou, great-grandchildren: Marquise, Anthony, Catlyn, Valarie; great-great-grandson Carter, siblings: John (Beverly) Close, Henry Jr. (MaryAnn) Close, Mary Hitchner, Harriet Nemitz; sister-in-law Margaret Dewandel; and many extended family. A funeral to honor the faith and life of Ruth Mayou will be held at 10:30 am, Saturday, May 13, Langeland-Sterenbergh Funeral Home, 315 E. 16th Street, Holland, MI 49423. Pastor Timothy Durey will officiate. Visitation 4-7 pm, Friday at the funeral home. Interment in Pilgrim Home Cemetery. Memorial contributions to Hospice of Holland.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ruth Mayou* ”

August 31, 2022 at 01:26 PM



“ *"ruth was a sweet person and helpful to others."* ”

marilyn fitzgerald - May 20, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *"Dan just told me this news. So sorry to hear But rejoicing she finished her race and God called her home. Pastor Mayou, we will be praying and thinking of you and your family as you adjust to this huge change."* ”

Doreen Place - July 04, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *"My deepest sympathies in loss of Ruth. She was my Avon representative and my Father-in-Law knew Mark and Ruth through ministry. She was a wonderful woman and will be truly missed."* ”

Vicki McFarland - May 22, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *"I'm very sorry for The Mayou Family's loss of Mrs. Mayou. I wasn't aware she had past last week. She was my grandmother's Avon lady. Then my mother's, aunt, my sister and I. I have know her since I was a child when Mr. Mayou was still a Pastor. She will be dearly missed."* ”

Sophia - May 16, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JE

“Dear Mark, My mom Lillian sends her regards and has many happy memories of your days at Central Baptist in Binghamton. My Dad Ken graduated to heaven in October of 2013 at age 92. Mom is now 90. There will be a great reunion when we join them with Jesus. Jim Eisentrager”

Jim Eisentrager - May 14, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TO

“Pastor Mark, Tom & I are so sorry to hear about your loss. Ruthie was such a wonderful lady, with such a beautiful smile. Her dedication and love for her church family was always such an encouragement to us. We will be praying for you. So thankful that we know we will all be together again in heaven some day. Tom & Carol Mazeikis.”

Tom - May 13, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JG

“Mark, as neighbors who were both loved and cared for by Ruth, we send our condolences. We are so sorry for your loss. We are going to miss Ruthie's warm and engaging smiles and touches. We are with you in what ever transitions occur now. Praying grace and peace to you.”

Jay and Laura Van Groningen - May 12, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ruth was a very nice friend to me and she helped me in need.i am gonna miss her dearly.”

marilyn fitzgerald - May 12, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MF

“*mark I am sorry for your loss.ruth was a special sweet person.prayers are with you.marilyn*”

marilyn fitzgerald - May 12, 2017 at 12:00 AM

KS

“*So Sorry for your loss. She was a wonderful, caring person and will be missed.*”

Kim Stark - May 12, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SM

“*Pastor Mark, Scott and I will miss your dear wife and earthly companion. Ruthie was a real wonderful example of Godly love directed to others. We enjoyed all the cards and prayers that she shared with us. God will give you what you need at this time in your life. We love you and are glad that you and Ruthie have been apart of our lives. Will miss your sweet Ruthie. prayer for you, Scott and Dawn Moe Holland, Mi May 12,2017*”

Scott Moe - May 12, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MA

“*I am so sorry to hear of Ruthie's passing. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her. One of my fondest memory of Ruthie as a kid are the popcorn balls she made every Christmas to hand out. I still think about them every Christmas! Prayers for you and all the Grand, great grand and great great grand children. Love Mary (Stephens) Essig*”

Mary - May 11, 2017 at 12:00 AM