



Miss Ruth M. Wondrasch

August 9, 1935 - July 30, 2014

Wondrasch, Ruth M.,
Saginaw, Michigan

Ruth Marie Wondrasch was called to her heavenly home by her Lord and Savior on Wednesday, July 30, 2014, at HealthSource Saginaw. Age 78 years. Ruth was born on August 9, 1935, to the late Gustave and Marie (Mueller) Wondrasch in La Crosse, Wisconsin. Following her baptism on September 1, 1935, she received the nurture of Christian parents who later enrolled her at St. John's Lutheran School in Wykoff, Minnesota. She was confirmed on May 16, 1948. The Bible verse selected for the occasion was 1 John 5:4, "For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the Victory that overcomes the world, our Father." Following confirmation, she attended Wykoff High School, graduating in 1952. In the fall of that year she enrolled at Concordia Teachers College, River Forest, Illinois. Her degrees include a Bachelor of Arts and the Master of Arts in the field of education. In the past 50 years, Miss Wondrasch taught at Trinity Lutheran School, Waconia, Minnesota; Gethsemane in Chalmette, Louisiana; St. James, Chicago, Illinois; Grace Lutheran School in Auburn, Michigan; and at Holy Cross Lutheran School in Saginaw for 30 years. In addition to fulfilling her ambition of teaching in a Christian school, she had served as Saginaw Zone President, Michigan District Christian Growth League, Holy Cross Ladies' Guild and on the Board of Directors of Lutheran Child and Family Service.

She was treasurer of the Saginaw Valley Chapter of The American Guild of Organists. She had also served in various conference positions for the Church at large.

Ruth is survived by her sister, Lorena Arnold; also several nieces, nephews, including Wanda Ciesla, Joann Hagen and Fred Hagen; many dear Holy Cross friends. She was predeceased by her sisters, Alice, Melvina and Adeline.

The Celebration of Ruth's Christian Life will take place 12:00 Noon Tuesday, August 5, 2014, at Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, 600 Court St., Saginaw. The Rev. James F. Krueger will officiate. Her entombment will follow in Oakwood Mausoleum. Friends are welcome to visit with the family at the church on Tuesday from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service. Memorials may be given to Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church and School. Memories and sympathies of Ruth may be shared with the family on her memorial website at WakemanFuneralHome.com

Cemetery Details

Oakwood Mausoleum

5950 Gratiot Rd.
Saginaw, MI 48638

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 5. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Holy Cross Lutheran Church
600 Court St.
Saginaw, MI 48602

Funeral Service

AUG 5. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Miss Ruth M. Wondrasch*

September 13, 2022 at 05:01 PM



“ *Miss Ruth M. Wondrasch*

September 13, 2022 at 02:27 PM



“ *To teach is to touch a life forever and Ms. Wondrasch did that. I can still hear Ms. Wondrasch singing "Onward Christian Soldiers." It's still one of my favorite hymns. Ms. Wondrasch was my fifth grade teacher at Holy Cross Lutheran School. I was nervous the entire summer leading up to fifth grade. Other students told me she was tough. Indeed, she was. In her class, I became a much better speller and competed against other top spellers in our district. When I was nervous, she encouraged me. That tough love paid off. She will forever be in our hearts.*

- Adrienne Broaddus

Adrienne - August 09, 2014 at 01:50 PM

SK

“ Miss Wondrasch was my fifth grade teacher at Holy Cross. I remember she is the one who figured out I needed glasses because I could not see the chalk board. She tried to teach me to sew, still not good at that, and she took us into the kitchen by the gym and we got to bake cakes. Some turned out, some did not. My Aunt tells me she is one of the teachers I talked about most from grade school. I am glad I knew her and though i am sad for her family of her loss, I am glad she is now with our Heavenly Father.

Suzanne Kain - August 09, 2014 at 10:03 AM

MK

“ Ruth had a faithful loyalty to Stephen Ministry and the Saginaw Valley Alliance that was profound and to be admired. We appreciated the passionate dedication and effort she gave to sharing Christ's love with others. Her presence will be missed.

St Lorenz Lutheran Stephen Ministry Leaders

Margaret Kempf - August 06, 2014 at 09:59 AM

JK

“ Mrs. Wondrasch was my third grade teacher and I have nothing but fond memories of her. I enjoyed listening to the Little House on the Prairie stories she would tell our class and other stories as well. She was a wonderful person.

jennifer kelley - August 02, 2014 at 11:17 AM

EH

“ My sister was in her last class before she retired, so I unfortunately did not have her as a teacher. However, I was fortunate enough to have her as a confirmation teacher. She taught us so much and you could tell just from speaking to her how much she loved the Lord. She will be missed.

Elizabeth Hempsted - August 02, 2014 at 09:28 AM

AW

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



amy westphal - August 01, 2014 at 10:41 PM

JK

“ I was blessed to know Ruth through Community Bible Study. She was kind and loving and contributed so much knowledge and understanding of God's Word to all the ladies who were privileged to know her. We all benefited from her wisdom and creativity. She will be greatly missed! I am so sorry that I will not be in town to pay my respects to the family Tuesday. - Jennifer Karls

Jennifer Karls - August 01, 2014 at 10:27 PM

BD

“ I 1st meant Ruth at a LWML Convention and saw her at many more. She was a real LWML lady. I saw her generous nature at the retired teachers luncheons where she sent postards, took the money, gave out candy and other special gifts. She will be missed. Blessings!
Beth DeMeritt

Beth DeMeritt - August 01, 2014 at 06:39 PM

RA

“ Ruth was a beautiful lady. She had gorgeous skirts made for the LWML Spring and Fall rallies that she had wrote. They showed how she was such a Christian lady. Every year when I saw her at LWML stuff she always had a smile on her face and would greet me with the nicestest hello.

Rachel - August 01, 2014 at 01:26 PM

AM

“ RUTH WAS A VERY NICE SWEET PERSON..... SHE ALWAYS HAD A SMILE ON HER FACE. SHE WILL BE MISSED. FROM ANDREA AT PRINCING'S PHARMACY

ANDREA MARTINEZ - August 01, 2014 at 10:24 AM

KS

“ I remember being a student there when she first started. I had a few conversations with her when I came to town to visit family. She was a wonderful caring teacher. Rip Mrs wondrash. Your job on earth is done. Enjoy your next chapter with all your friends in heaven. Kevin sedlak

kevin sedlak - August 01, 2014 at 10:06 AM

SS

“ I never had her for a teacher but she loved the kids and was a godly lady

Scott Sayers - July 31, 2014 at 11:41 PM

WH

“Ruth was the perfect example of a faithful servant. She loved to share devotions with the staff based on Bible stories, especially the servants. She loved working with Lutheran Schools and made a spiritual impact on many students. She loved the LWML, sustaining it at Holy Cross, serving at the district level, and attending numerous International conventions. She traveled to the Holy Land and then had new stories to share. Ruth was a good friend to our family and brought smiles to our faces with her collections and her cat escapades. She had a heart of gold.

Even after our move to Florida, she came for a visit and made frequent phone calls to check on us and keep us informed about our Holy Cross friends. We last spoke to her in February and truly will miss the phone calls. We can rejoice that she can enjoy meeting up with so many friends in heaven and enjoy sitting at Jesus' feet.

Ruth, you will be missed but know that you are pain free now!

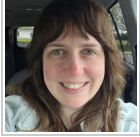
*Walt and Norma Halfmann
Meredith Ackerman*

Walter Halfmann - July 31, 2014 at 06:05 PM

RL

“Ruth Wondrasch was a wonderful & Godly woman who had a heart for her students & for the Gospel. First in for the morning. Last out at night. A grand Christian lady with a finger in every HCLC/HCLS pie & loved her cats! SDG

Rev. Tim Loewe - July 31, 2014 at 04:48 PM



“ I was in Ruth's last 3rd grade class before she retired from teaching. She was a wonderful woman. She always had a special bond with our class which was a very small class. She always had treats for us and we were always rewarded with Disney movies for good behavior and getting our work done. She helped create tons of memories that I'll never forget from my days at Holy Cross.

Nikki Lisee - July 31, 2014 at 02:38 PM



“ What a wonderful Christian lady! I got to know her thru LWML. I enjoyed many good LWML times with her and we shared an office the year before I moved. When I asked her...she graciously offered to serve with me so that when I left it would be covered. She already had many other responsibilities, but took on another. I can imagine what a thorough, wonderful teacher she was. I know she will be greatly missed, but also greatly received in her Heavenly Home!

Ginny Lambert - July 31, 2014 at 02:14 PM