



Ruth Elaine Crowder

August 28, 1935 - May 25, 2023

Ruth Elaine Crowder, age 87 of Mattoon, IL passed away Thursday, May 25, 2023, at Odd-Fellow Rebekah Home in Mattoon, IL.

A graveside service will be held at 1:00 PM, Tuesday, May 30, 2023 at Rest Haven Memorial Gardens in Mattoon, IL; Pastor Ron Dickinson will officiate. Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938 is in charge of services.

Ruth was born on August 28, 1935 in New Albany, IN to the late George A. and Bertha M. (Wright) Barbour. She married James R. Crowder in 1955 in Charleston, IL; he preceded her in death on October 25, 2002. She is survived by two daughters, Sallie M. Sienza and husband Michael of Elgin, IL, Polly L. Quick and husband David of Mattoon, IL; five grandchildren: Christopher J. Sienza and wife Meghan of Littleton, CO, Nicholas R. Sienza of Elgin, IL, Clayton L. Quick and wife Kayla of Mattoon, IL, Lindsay A. Quick of Champaign, IL, Jennifer M. Lowry and husband Mike of Benbrook, TX; five great-grandchildren: Jurnee and Trenton Hradek, Heath and River Lowry, and Cohen Quick. She is preceded in death by her son, Joel R. Crowder; infant daughter, Amy S. Crowder; two brothers, George JR., and Robert Barbour; two sisters, Evelyn Romans, and Louise Barbour.

Ruth was a member of The First Christian Church of Mattoon, IL. She was a longtime librarian at Washington Elementary School for Mattoon Community School District #2. Ruth valued her time at the school and happily contributed to various programs during the school year, such as serving lunch to the

children, being an attending room mother, and participating in the Parent Teacher Association. Ruth also devoted her time to American Red Cross, an organization dear to her heart. She loved reading, going to her monthly Bingo groups, and rooting for the Chicago Cubs.

A Navy wife, Ruth and Jim attended reunions across the country, reconnecting with friends from the USS Ashtabula. Those were fondly cherished times filled with fellowship and conversation.

Ruth formed special relationships with each grandchild, and they will fondly remember all the memories made with grandma. She will be greatly missed.

Please visit www.mitchell-jerdan.com or www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfuneralhome to light a virtual candle in her honor or share a memory with the family.

Cemetery Details

Rest Haven Memorial Gardens

Mattoon, IL 61938

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAY **30**. 1:00 PM (CT)

Resthaven Memorial Gardens
1701 Dewitt Avenue
Mattoon, IL 61938

Tribute Wall



“ *Ruth Elaine Crowder*

October 08, 2023 at 07:40 PM



“ *Sallie and Polly, I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your mom. Aunt Ruth was such a sweet dear person. I have the best memories of spending time at your house growing up. Thinking of all your family.*

Brenda Stoltzfus - June 03, 2023 at 05:32 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Ruth Elaine Crowder.*



May 29, 2023 at 01:14 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Ruth Elaine Crowder.*



May 27, 2023 at 09:31 PM

JY

“ Julie Young purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Ruth Elaine Crowder.



Julie Young - May 27, 2023 at 12:08 PM

JY

“ My mother-in-law was very sweet and kind to me. I was able to talk with her about almost anything. I will miss her every day.

Julie Young - May 27, 2023 at 12:13 AM

KC

“ Kathi Janssen Cobble lit a candle in memory of Ruth Elaine Crowder



kathi janssen cobble - May 26, 2023 at 12:49 PM

BC

“ A wonderful woman and aunt from keeping an eye on us all at Washington School to letting Sallie and Polly and I have sleepovers and play games! Great memories.

Barb Crowder - May 26, 2023 at 12:44 PM

GG

“ I have very fond memories of Jim and Ruth. I helped with some electrical work and Jim helped me when I needed help too. Ruth and Jim were good friends to me for many years. Over the years Ruth never forgot me and I will never forget her.

Gary Groff - May 26, 2023 at 07:50 AM

NC

“ I have such fond memories of Aunt Ruth & Uncle Jim and the time we would spend at their house. Our condolences to all the family.

Nancy Crowder - May 25, 2023 at 06:40 PM

CC

“ I remember Aunt Ruth as quiet an caring woman. She had beautiful smile. She will be missed.

Connie Crow - May 25, 2023 at 06:25 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Ruth Elaine Crowder.



May 25, 2023 at 04:12 PM