



Ruth E. Monahan

October 9, 1919 - July 12, 2013

Ruth E. Holmes Monahan, 93, of Kankakee, passed away July 12, 2013, at the Miller Center in Kankakee. Private inurnment was held at Brenton Cemetery in Piper City. A celebration of life service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 27, at the First Presbyterian Church of Piper City, where she was a member and the organist for many years. Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, Bourbonnais, is in charge of arrangements.

She was born Oct. 9, 1919, the daughter of Erskine and Edith Wilson. Her first husband, Joseph Holmes, whom she married Dec. 6, 1941, preceded her in death in 1991. She later married A.M. "Bud" Monahan in June 1994. He passed away in 1997. She was a 1940 graduate of Illinois Wesleyan University and a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

Surviving are one son, Joseph (Cheryl) Holmes; four stepchildren, Michael (Jeanne) Monahan, Ed (Emie) Monahan, Kathy Monahan and Jim (Mary) Monahan; five grandchildren, Amy Hart, Jill Renner, and Jeremy, Nathan and Jonathan Reeves; 12 great-grandchildren; five stepgrandchildren and eight stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Nanette Reeves; and two brothers, John and Edwin.

Tribute Wall

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“ Mrs Holmes was my 6th 7th and 8th grade English teacher in Piper City. Now that I am older she was the best teacher that any student could have include myself. She defined the meaning of the word a teacher. You respected her, she command it, and she had the upmost respect for her students as well. She was firm when she needed to be and she could be consoling and caring all at the same time. I was able to see both in her as my teacher. She was the teacher that had the task of telling me that my grandfather had passed away. I will never forget that day and how caring she was that day. She was a wonderful person. Mrs Holmes will always a part of my life and every student that she taught. Mrs Holmes made such a impact on my live. Heaven is so very blessed to have her apart of it.

Rich Tewell

Richard Tewell - January 18, 2015 at 06:46 PM

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“ Joe and Cheryl,

I pray for support from friends and God's comfort for you in this difficult time. Your mom had a great laugh and was a good cook. I have at least one of her recipes in my recipe box.

Bruce McIntosh

Bruce McIntosh - July 25, 2013 at 09:49 AM

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“ *Ruth was a very special lady. Never the wallflower, she could light up a room. She was smart, funny and had a twinkle in her eye. She will be missed.*



Mary Monahan - July 24, 2013 at 01:22 PM