



## Ruth Sharper

May 17, 1948 - October 11, 2009

Visitation for Ruth Ann O'Connor Sharper, 61, of Bonfield, will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at the Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, west Kankakee, and from 10 a.m. Friday at St. James Catholic Church in Irwin until the 11 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial. Father Doug Hauber will officiate. Burial will be in Bonfield Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Kankakee Valley or to the family wishes. She died Sunday (Oct. 11, 2009) at her home, surrounded by her family, after a long battle with cancer. Mrs. Sharper worked at Family House Restaurant, Amber's on Route 17 and Jerome's for many years. She was born May 17, 1948, in Kankakee, the daughter of John Edward "Ted" and Bonita Keller O'Connor. She loved spending time with her family and grandchildren. She dedicated her life to raising her granddaughter, Haley. Surviving are her husband, Duane Sharper, whom she married Feb. 10, 1973, at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Bradley; one son and daughter-in-law, Joseph and Christina Sharper of Bonfield; two daughters and sons-in-law, Stacy and Jim Ireland, Christine and Adam Riegel, all of Bonfield; three grandchildren, A.J. and Haley Ireland, and Connor Sharper; two sisters and one brother-in-law, Theresa and Floyd Brown of Herscher, Diana (Elizabeth) O'Connor of Dillsboro, Ind.; one brother and two sisters-in-law, Edward and Marybeth O'Connor, and Cindy O'Connor, all of Herscher; her mother-in-law, Louise Sharper of Bonfield; and one brother-in-law, Ralph Sharper of Bonfield. Deceased are her parents; one sister, Irene; and one brother, Harry O'Connor.



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“ *I grew up in Irwin with Ruth Ann wanted to send my sympathy. Our paths crossed living in Bonfield. Hopefully our paths will cross once again in Heaven and we can discuss the Irwin nuns.##imported-begin##NULL##imported-end##*

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“ *Ruth will be greatly missed by all!!! Ruth was a wonderful women and has touched many lives. I am very blessed to have been able to know Ruth for five years. God Bless!##imported-begin##Stephanie Alvis##imported-end##*

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“ Stacy Ireland, and family, I worked with you at Provena and your Mother Ruth has the same name as I do which is Kool. i;½We always enjoyed talking with her at the eating places that she worked she was a special "LADY" --- take care and stay strong!!!##imported-begin##Mick & Ruth Puffer##imported-end##

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“ I worked with Ruth when we were both girls. She was always sweet and warm, funny and sincere. I am so sorry she was taken from you so soon. <br><br>Kaye Lovell Wallace##imported-begin##Kaye Lovell Wallace##imported-end##

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“ We were so sad to hear of Ruth's passing. i;½Our prayers are with her family in this terrible time of loss. Ruth was a special Lady and will be sadly missed. God Bless.<br><br>(Friends from Family House Rest.)##imported-begin##Dan and Brigitte Emme##imported-end##

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“ Duane and family, <br><br><br><br>I am very sorry for your loss. i;½I am grateful that I was able to know her and she was there as "Aunt Ruth" when I was growing up. i;½She was a special person and will be missed greatly. i;½##imported-begin##Angela (Johnson) Olson##imported-end##

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“ Duane and family, <br><br>Ruth was one of a kind, a truly precious gem. ĩ½Heaven will shine a little brighter now that she is there. ĩ½When I first came into this family she met me there with a smile and a laugh. ĩ½She told stories about how she used to pick on Earle as a kid and how close she was to Lana. ĩ½She will not be forgotten. ĩ½May God hold you close to His heart. ĩ½<br><br>Jo Ellen and Earle Keller###imported-begin##Jo Ellen and Earle Keller###imported-end##

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“ Dear Theresa and family, I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you.<br><br>Diane Sorensen###imported-begin##Diane Wilson Sorensen###imported-end##

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“ I remember Ruth so well. She worked at Edwards Jewlers long ago for my father, Ben Wurtzel. ĩ½She was a good friend to my mom, Irma, also. ĩ½###imported-begin##Beth Wurtzel Burpee###imported-end##

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“ Ruthie has touched my life since I was a child, and she worked for my Dad. I heard stories of her great sense of humor and ability to make a bad situation good, long before actually knowing her personally....but, what a treat getting to know her was!!  
  
It is said: "When someone becomes a memory, the memory becomes a treasure". Ruth Ann has left many wonderful treasures in this world. May you soon find many smiles in those treasured memories##imported-begin##NULL##imported-end##

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“ <br><br>Sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##Ron Ramsey##imported-end##

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“ My heart goes out to you with the death of your mother. I was shocked to hear of this since I never knew she was going through this. If it is any consolation her birthday May 17 is the day St Therese the Little Flower became a Saint. She is one of my favorites. the Rose Novena prayer of hers is treasured by many. I was just in Darien, Ill where there is a beautiful shrine to her honor. You might want to visit it. May St Theresa's Roses comfort you and know she shares Heaven with you mother. I will always hold the beautiful memories of her Smile and All the Joy she always brought into my life and the lives of countless others.<br><br>God Bless You,<br><br>Love,<br><br>Marcia##imported-begin##marcia scanlon##imported-end##

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“ Our prayers are with you and your family.##imported-begin##Mary and Loran Martin##imported-end##

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“ Dear Duane and family:<br><br><br><br>I am so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my prayers.##imported-begin##Julie ĩ½(Onten) Whitthorne##imported-end##

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“ Dear Duane and family,<br><br>All of my love and prayers are with you<br><br>now and in the days to come.Ruth was a<br><br>very special person.I knew her since we<br><br>were kids.Ruth was a very,very special<br><br>friend but in my heart she will always<br><br>be my sister, I will always love her and<br><br>keep her in a very special place in my<br><br>heart.##imported-begin##Mary Brindley##imported-end##

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“ Your deepest symapathy. She will be in our prayers. Remember she is in a better place.<br><br><br><br><br><br>##imported-begin##Larry and Arden Ulitzsch##imported-end##

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“ Ruth was always such a special person. I am Arlene & Harry Wendling's daughter, and she was such a special person to them. Dad and Mom always enjoyed talking to Ruth. We extend our sympathies to all of the family.##imported-begin##Nancy & Mark Poland##imported-end##

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“ I was so sorry to hear of Ruth's passing. When I was a little girl I lived next to her grandparents and parents on the farm. Her family was always special to me. It is sad to see three of them gone now in just a few months. Ruth was a great lady and she will be greatly missed by a lot of people. She always called me Peggy as did her parents and whenever I was in Family House she would walk by and say Hi Peggy and stop for a visit. She was such a nice person. With sympathy to all of her family, Donna (Tobenski) Witheft.##imported-begin##Donna (Tobenski) Witheft##imported-end##

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