



Ruth P. (Dolkey) Truckey

January 31, 1932 - May 20, 2025

Ruth P. Truckey, age 93, of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, passed away at the Ball Hospice House on Tuesday, May 20, 2025. She was born on January 31, 1932, in Hancock, Michigan, to Ovid and Hilda (Saari) Dolkey.

Ruth grew up in Ishpeming, Michigan, and graduated from Ishpeming High School with the Class of 1950. She married the love of her life, John “Jack” Truckey, on August 28, 1951, at St. John the Baptist Church in Marquette, Michigan, and they were together for sixty-two wonderful years. Ruth was an elementary school secretary at McKinley School for 17 years where she made an indelible impact on many students who later in life would make a point to approach and visit with her. She was a member of St. Joseph’s Catholic Parish, War Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, Sault Country Club golf league, bridge club, and Michigan Club in Orange Beach, Alabama. She was spunky, with a zest for life. Ruth could entertain and cook for many without notice, a skill that Jack tested many times by bringing home unannounced guests. She was an avid gardener and excellent seamstress. She made wedding gowns, bridesmaid dresses, prom dresses, and many of her children’s clothes.

She had a mathematical mind which she tested with cribbage and in her bridge league into her nineties. Her competitive nature was evident in her bowling and golf leagues having posted a hole-in-one at the age of eighty-nine. No one enjoyed a spirited game of bean bag toss more than Ruth, and

she usually won.

Following retirement, Ruth and Jack traveled extensively visiting her sister in California and driving through the country with her sister and brother-in-law around the U.S. Ruth and Jack loved visiting their daughter in Germany multiple times and exploring many places and countries throughout Europe. They spent three winters living with their daughter on a ranch in Hawaii learning true Hawaiian culture. Ruth celebrated her 65th birthday with a luau complete with ukulele music, local dancers, and singing. She always bragged about having flower leis up to her eyes. Orange Beach, Alabama, became their home-away-from home in the winter, and they welcomed family and friends to join them in all the wonderful things the beautiful area has to offer.

Ruth is survived by her five children: Julie (Bill) McLeod of Sault Ste. Marie, Jacquie Truckey of Negaunee, John (Debbie) Truckey of Central Lake, Jodine Sicinski (Tim Crays) of DeTour, Jill (Tom) Coates of Sault Ste. Marie. Bob Lahde of Ishpeming was a loving companion and dedicated caregiver to Ruth for several years. Also surviving are nine grandchildren: Jillian (Austin) Miller, Adam Truckey, Matthew (Bethany) Truckey, and Sarah (Roslyn Cordalis) Truckey; Madeline, Nicholas, and Sammy Sicinski; and Cecily and Tommy (Allyson) Coates. In addition, she is survived by eight great-grandchildren: Adelyn, Austin, and Asher Miller; Jackson and Lauren Truckey; John and Victor Truckey; and Collins Coates. Also surviving are two sisters: Florence Kakkuri and Lorraine Mutka of Ishpeming and sister-in-law Mary Apple of Marquette.

Ruth was preceded in death by her husband, Jack, her parents, brother Clarence Dolkey, her brothers and sisters-in-law Richard Mutka, Harold Kakkuri, Willard (Maryrene) Truckey, Patricia (Tom) Wiseman, Robert (Dorothy) Truckey, George (Sue) Truckey, Robert Apple, Barbara Truckey, Ellen Dolkey, and grandson Maclver McLeod.

Visitation will be from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. on June 2, 2025, followed by a Memorial Mass at 11:00 a.m. at St. Joseph's Catholic Church with celebrant Father Matthew Chartier. Interment to follow at Riverside Cemetery, then a luncheon at the Elks' Lodge in Sault Ste. Marie.

Memorial donations can be made to the Hospice of the EUP, 308 W. 12th Ave. Sault Ste. Marie. MI, 49783.

Family Life Funeral Homes Sault Ste Marie assisted the family with arrangements. Condolences may be left to the family at www.familylifefh.com.

Obituary as submitted by family

Cemetery Details

Riverside Cemetery

3260 Riverside Drive
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783
<https://www.saultcity.com/parksrec/page/riverside-cemetery>

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN 2. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
1101 Minneapolis Street
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

Memorial Mass

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Tribute Wall

JS

“ Sending Our deepest sympathies to the Truckey family. What a fantastic lady sitting at the hand of the Lord. Your loved ones will hold you in their hearts forever. Jack amd Ruth together again and smiling in heaven.
Hugs to you all. From All of us in Colorado.

Jen, Missy, Kris,Madi Shirley-Holzhauer - June 02, 2025 at 12:14 AM

WC

“ With love, Stathi Jen and Alpha crew purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Ruth P. (Dolkey) Truckey.



With love, Stathi Jen and Alpha crew - May 30, 2025 at 09:33 AM

LD

“ Lillian Dolkey purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ruth P. (Dolkey) Truckey.



Lillian Dolkey - May 29, 2025 at 03:29 PM

ME

“ Michael & Laura, Billy & Erin purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Ruth P. (Dolkey) Truckey.



Michael & Laura, Billy & Erin - May 29, 2025 at 12:15 PM

JB

“ I know you are now playing cards with Jackie--You are missed Ruth

Jim Beiriger - May 28, 2025 at 11:11 PM

AZ

“ Angela and Zach purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Ruth P. (Dolkey) Truckey.



Angela and Zach - May 28, 2025 at 11:26 AM

AZ

“ Angela and Zach planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ruth P. (Dolkey) Truckey.

Angela and Zach - May 28, 2025 at 11:26 AM

AZ

“ Angela & Zach sent a virtual gift in memory of Ruth P. (Dolkey) Truckey



Angela & Zach - May 28, 2025 at 11:16 AM

BK

“ Bob, Carol, Bill, Wendy, Patty & Kevin purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Ruth P. (Dolkey) Truckey.



Bob, Carol, Bill, Wendy, Patty & Kevin - May 27, 2025 at 01:14 PM

MR

“ I feel very fortunate to have met Ruth on several occasions. She was an amazing and fun gal. My deepest sympathies to her family and friends.

Margot Rudolph - May 27, 2025 at 11:45 AM

JV

“ JoAnn and Pete Vils purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of Ruth P. (Dolkey) Truckey.



JoAnn and Pete Vils - May 27, 2025 at 11:25 AM

JV

“ JoAnn and Pete Vils planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ruth P. (Dolkey) Truckey.

JoAnn and Pete Vils - May 27, 2025 at 11:25 AM

TM

“ Tina and Don Morrison purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Ruth P. (Dolkey) Truckey.



Tina and Don Morrison - May 26, 2025 at 11:16 AM

TM

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Tina and Don Morrison - May 26, 2025 at 11:16 AM

SK

“ Ruth was my husband's secretary at McKinley School for many years. She was wonderful and such a help to him. My condolences to her family.

Sandra Kusler - May 26, 2025 at 10:26 AM

TB

“ Ruth had a zest for life and I loved being around her. She'll be dearly missed. Prayers to the family.

Terri Coutant Bugli - May 25, 2025 at 08:16 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ruth P. (Dolkey) Truckey.



May 25, 2025 at 04:45 PM



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“ Ruth was such a special person. She was the one who knew everything at McKinley School and the “go-to” person when I taught there. I loved seeing her at the Country Club for golf and “whatever.” Her family is so fortunate to have had her these many years. Even though losing Ruth is a great loss, she created wonderful memories for those who knew and loved her. I wish many blessings to her family.

Kit Spring - May 25, 2025 at 03:54 PM



“ I'll always remember her with a huge smile on her face and a cocktail in her hand! Such a fun & loving lady.

Laurie LaRock Jin - May 25, 2025 at 02:01 PM



“ She and her sisters created such great memories for Johnny D and I in Orange Beach .I will remember forever..She was such a welcoming and loving lady .Now a top Angel in the Heavens . Soar beautifully Ruth.

Toni Saari and Angel 🙏 Johnny Davis

Toni Saari - May 25, 2025 at 12:48 PM