



Ruth E. Gendzwill

August 13, 1933 - May 7, 2017

Ruth Elizabeth Gendzwill, age 83, of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan passed away surrounded by family on Sunday afternoon, May 7, 2017 after a brief illness. Ruth was born on August 13, 1933 in Tilda, India the daughter of the late Herman and Marie (Nottrott) Feierabend. After high school, she earned her Bachelor's Degree from Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Ruth's parents were missionaries in India. Later she worked for 12 years as a missionary, with her husband Harold, in Nigeria. She served as employee relations director at LSSU, in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan for 26 years prior to her retirement. Ruth was an avid gardener, artist, loving mother, grandmother and great grandmother.

Ruth is survived by her two sons: Mark (Sue) Bergsma and Daniel (Robin) Bergsma both of Sault Ste. Marie, MI; a son-in-law: Doug Smart of Sault Ste. Marie, MI; her grandchildren: Chaun Bergsma, Benjamin (Netausha) Bergsma, Ruthanne (Brent) Stark, Joshua Smart, Stuart Bergsma, Katie Chipman Bergsma, and Cammy Bright; and nine great grandchildren. Ruth is also survived by her siblings: Ted (Jane) Feierabend of Madison, WI, Barbara Feierabend Ford of Belleville, IL and Herbert (Bev) Feierabend of Mission, TX; and several nieces and nephews.

Ruth was preceded in death by her parents and her daughter: Rachel Smart. According to Ruth's wishes, no public services will be held. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be left to Hospice of the EUP.

Ruth wanted to leave her family one last message. "I love you all dearly

children, spouses, grandchildren and great grandchildren. You are all special people and the fabric of my life. Give each other love and be happy!"

Tribute Wall

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“ I want to extend my sincere sympathy to Ruth,s Family and close relatives and friends. She was woman of character and dedication who was a spiritual giant in her love and acceptance of other people. She was one of the most talented and service oriented employee ever to be employed by Lake Superior State University. She was lifted to her Lord and God ,surrounded by her most loving family.

Tom Kelly - May 09, 2017 at 12:00 AM