



## Ruthann Horka

October 7, 1937 - September 17, 2010

Ruthann Marie Horka, age 72 of Sault Ste Marie, MI, passed away Friday morning, September 17, 2010 at the War Memorial Hospital Long Term Care Unit. She was born on October 7, 1937 in Sault Ste Marie, MI to the late Arnie and Selma (Nievala) Steikar. Ruthann graduated from Rudyard High School with the class of 1955, she went on to work as a secretary for the City Manager of Sault Ste Marie the Office of Probation and Parole, The Mackinac Bridge Authority, and then retired from Kinross Correctional Facility as a Health Services secretary. Ruthann loved being physically fit, she walked across the United States on her treadmill. Ruthann loved people, and was a mentor to many, always there for others. She loved going to Las Vegas with her girlfriend Susie and shopping with her sister Phyllis. Ruthann loved to watch sports on TV, her favorite football team being the New England Patriots, Red Wing Hockey and the Detroit Tigers. She also loved movies and reading, but her greatest love was her family, especially spending time with her grandchildren teaching them to ride bikes and later drive cars. Ruthann is survived by her husband of 54 years, Kenneth L. Horka whom she married on September 8, 1956 at the St James Lutheran Church in Rudyard, MI; one son: Ken (Kathy) Horka of Westboro, MA; two grandchildren: Jillian and Matthew Horka; two sisters: Phyllis Paradiso of Sault Ste. Marie, MI and Evelyn Kralik of Carmichael, CA. Ruthann was preceded in death by her parents, a daughter: Sandy Horka (1980), and two brothers: "Freddy" Earnest Steikar and Paul Steikar. Visitation will be held from 3:00 until 7:00 PM on Tuesday,

September 21, 2010 at C.S. Mulder Funeral Home. Funeral services will begin at 7:00 PM that same day at the funeral home with Reverend David Henderson officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be left to the First United Presbyterian Church.

# Tribute Wall

LF

“ I knew & liked Ruthann. She'll be missed by everyone at the fitness center.

Larry Farnquist - September 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SV

“ Ruthann (Poofie) was truly a wonderful lady and I was proud to call her my friend. She was one in a million.....my world as I know it has changed forever. She has two amazing grandchildren and a wonderful son and daughter-in-law. She will truly be missed by me and my entire family.

Susie Verrett - September 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ Please accept our sincere condolences on the death of your wife, mother, and sister. We always enjoyed talking to Ruthanne. She always asked about how our family was doing, especially our sons. It was obvious she loved her family and cared about others. May you all remember the good times when Ruthanne was well and able to do things with you.

Arlen and Lovada Bell - September 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ Perry and I are so sorry to hear of Ruth Ann's passing. What a great gal, always had a smile for you or a personl story to tell that would change your feelings for the better. The family will be in our thoughts and prayers.

Bernice Rutecki - September 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ me and my husband were just talking about all the great memories we have a Poochie, going to the casino in Brimley, MI...and then the girls going into the bathroom to count our winnings! and I will never forget our wedding and what I said to Poochie in the elevator!  
Ken~you might remember!

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**Sheri Theobald** - September 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Ken and Family,  
Dianne and I are sorry of your loss. Evelyn has told us many wonderful stories regarding her cross relationship with Ruthann and understand what a great loss this is for you and her close friends.

God Bless you all and you will be in our prayers.

Rob and Dianne Beasley

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**Mr & Mrs Robert H. Beasley** - September 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ I worked with Ruthann for many years. She was always very thoughtful and concerned about others wellbeing. There should be more people like her in this world, it would be a better place.  
Thoughts and prayer to Ken and the rest of her family

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**Kim (Artley) Beckham** - September 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ I worked with Ruthann and remember that she always had a warm smile for me. She loved to have fun and was always ready for a good joke or a funny story. She will be missed by many.

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**Linda Metrish** - September 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ *Phyllis,*

*I am so sorry to read about the passing of your sister. You are in my thoughts.*

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**Deb Green** - September 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ *Dear Mr. Horka,*

*Our deepest sympathies to you and your family. We will miss seeing her wonderful smile.*

*Alan & Anne*

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**Anne Suggitt** - September 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ *we are sure gonna miss "Poochie", she was one of the most amazing ladies around, and a great friend to my Mother Susie and us! I love you Poochie!*

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**Sheri Theobald** - September 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM