



Ruth J. (Martin) Buis

January 24, 1935 - May 16, 2023

Ruth J. (Martin) Buis, 88, of Eminence, passed peacefully from this life on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, while in the care of the Waters of Greencastle. She was born in a farmhouse in Martinsville on January 24, 1935 to the late Charles Earl and Mildred Ivy (Alexander) Martin.

The baby of the family, Ruth was raised on a farm in rural Morgan County, where she learned from her mother at an early age the art of cooking and canning (while they said it may not be fit to eat, you can be assured, it always was!). A proud graduate with the class of 1953 from Eminence High School, she was introduced to her future husband, Donald, on a blind date. The two fell fast in love, and after a brief courtship they were happily united in marriage on June 11, 1954.

A past member of the Alaska Christian Church, Ruth held her first job with Public Service in Plainfield after high school graduation, later serving as the bookkeeper, and the original work from home mom for the business Donald started, Buis Trucking and Fertilizer. The daughter and wife of a farmer, Ruth was born into her destiny.

As a family, vacations in the early years were long drives. When the kids were raised, Ruth and Donald traveled to various destinations including, Mexico, Jamaica, the Bahamas, and were blessed to attend the Centennial

Celebration of the Statue of Liberty.

Throughout her years, Ruth continued canning the fruits of her labor, working in the yard and garden, feeding hummingbirds, and collecting glass paperweights, her favorite being butterflies. A sweet, easy-going soul, she always kept busy around the home and her house and cars were kept immaculate. She was a loving and devoted wife, mother, and grandmother who will be forever missed.

Along with her parents, Ruth was preceded in death by her brother, Byron Martin.

She leaves behind her husband of just shy of 69 years, Donald Ray Buis of Eminence; children, Sandy Cheek (Woody), Bruce Buis (Denetia), and Jean Everage (Doy), all of Eminence; sister, Betty Drake of Greenfield; grandchildren, Spring Cheek of Maine, Gabe Cheek (Christina) of Plainfield, Abby Velez (Javier) of Tennessee, Evan Buis (Ashley) of South Carolina, and Hannah Everage of Eminence; great grandchildren, Gregory Beasley, Gideon Murphy, Grayson Buis, and Penelope Cheek; as well as her many friends and special caregivers at the Waters of Greencastle.

Cremation Arrangements have been entrusted to Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel in Monrovia, and per Ruth's wishes, no services are planned at this time. To share a favorite story, send an online condolence to the family, or light a candle in her memory, please visit her tribute page at www.lightmemorial.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ *My deepest sympathy to the family.*

Stacy Walters Thompson - May 17, 2023 at 02:16 PM

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“ *The church congregation at Alaska Christian Church sends our prayers and blessings during this time of loss of Ruth. We will remember you in our thoughts!*

Alaska Christian Church

Keith Gray - May 17, 2023 at 08:29 AM

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“ *Ruthie Jean as she was known by the Gray Family came from a family that was so loved by our family Charlie and Mildred-salt of the earth. Had been years since I had saw her. My thoughts and prayers to you the family at her passing. Reading here fit her to the T as they say. She will be missed I know by you all.*

Keith Gray

Fifth generation Alaska Christian Church and long time family friend

Keith Gray - May 17, 2023 at 08:27 AM