



## Ruth A. Ross

October 23, 1956 - December 30, 2018

Ruth Anne Ross, 62, of Libertyville, Illinois passed away Sunday, December 30, 2018 at Northwest Community Hospital in Arlington Heights after a long battle with lung disease. She was born on October 23, 1956 in Geneseo, Illinois to Lowell E. "Pete" and Marlene (Mutchler) Ross. Ruth went to Geneseo public schools, graduating from J. D. Darnall High School in 1974, where she was active in band and drama. She received her Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science from Illinois State University. Ruth's first season in the working world began as a computer programmer in a prominent health care supply company, moving up to the level of vice president of information technology, retiring from Cardinal Health in 2002 and then began a second career as Financial Officer for her church home, the United Methodist Church of Libertyville, serving there for 16 years. Ruth enjoyed crafts like crochet and sewing, playing cards, and spending time with friends and family, taking joy in spoiling her nieces and nephews.

Surviving are her sisters and brothers, Becky Keim (Dan Schmidgall), Howard (Amy) Ross and Cheryl (Steve) Luehring; nieces and nephews, Stephen Clong, Matthew (Jill) Clong, Peter (Wendy) Vandermeulen-Clong, Colton (Jessica) Anderson, Nathan Ross, Robert (Marlaina) Anderson, Ryan Anderson, and Nikki (James) Ross Bishop; three aunts, many cousins, and many great-nieces and great-nephews. Ruth was also blessed by all the special friends who helped her in her life's journey.

A special thanks from her family to Jean & Blaine and Cherrie & Jose for always being there for Ruth and allowing us to rest easy, knowing she was safe in your hands. Ruth was preceded in death by her parents, brother-in-law Marvin Keim and sister-in-law Toni Heller Ross.

There will be two Celebration of Life services for Ruth. The first service will be held at the United Methodist Church in Libertyville. Visitation will begin at 9:00 a.m. followed by funeral services at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, January 3, 2019. The second visitation will be held at Stackhouse-Moore F.S. from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Friday. Funeral service will then be at 11:00 a.m. Saturday at Geneseo First United Methodist Church in Geneseo. Interment will follow at North Cemetery. A funeral luncheon will be served at each church following their respective services. Memorial contributions can be made to either church. For info: 847-362-3009 or share a memory at [www.burnettdane.com](http://www.burnettdane.com).



# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 3. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

United Methodist Church  
429 Brainerd Ave.  
Libertyville, IL 60048

## Funeral Service

JAN 3. 11:00 AM (CT)

United Methodist Church  
429 Brainerd Ave.  
Libertyville, IL 60048

## Visitation

JAN 4. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Stackhouse-Moore FS  
225 E. Park  
Geneseo, IL 61254

## Funeral Service

JAN 5. 11:00 AM (CT)

Geneseo United Methodist Church  
318 Center Street  
Geneseo, IL

# Tribute Wall

DC

“ Dear Ross family:  
Ruth and I worked together in the office of the United Methodist Church of Libertyville for 4 years, and remained good friends afterward. She was skilled, generous with her time and talents, compassionate and a hard worker, caring deeply for her family and friends, and all the people and ministries of UMCL. She was a wonderful friend, someone I could always talk and share with, and she would even remember my son each Christmas along with her own nieces and nephews. She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her, but she certainly left us a legacy of faith and love.  
Donna Castele (former UMCL Secretary, 2008-2012)

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**Donna Castele** - February 07, 2019 at 03:16 PM

HS

“ While I never had the opportunity to work closely with Ruth, I certainly remember her working at AHSC. I was privileged to be an instructor in the internal programmer training classes we used to onboard the many bright, outstanding people we hired as graduates from NIU of whom Ruth was one. She made a difference in the business along with her many contemporaries. I am so sorry to hear that she has passed away.

*Harv Stewart*  
AHSC et al 1971 - 2013

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**Harv Stewart** - January 08, 2019 at 07:08 PM



“ Susan Stiner lit a candle in memory of Ruth A. Ross



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**Susan Stiner** - January 03, 2019 at 06:54 PM

LS

“ I was Ruth's Secretary about 20+ years ago and I have many fond memories of her. She encouraged and mentored me to grow in my capabilities, which meant an increase in wages which came just as my daughter was entering college. Needless to say, Ruth attended her graduation party! And I still have several mementos she brought to me from business trips... She was a giver in so many ways! The funeral was a great tribute to her. So sorry she had to leave this earth at such a young age, but she left a legacy!

LaVonda Smith

LaVonda Smith - January 03, 2019 at 03:05 PM



“ Dear Ross Family, I have many fond memories of growing up with all the kids. Our parents were close friends and I will never forget the Friday night we would spend together while they went bowling. Playing Barbie dolls in the bedroom, card games, having chips and dip and chasing after Cheryl and Howie. I remember having home make ice cream outside the back porch, and playing in the big yard behind your house. In later years, while in High school, Ruth was a Thespian and I remember all the plays we worked on together. She was a sweet heart for sure. I know she will be missed my many who loved her.



Deborah Slocum - January 03, 2019 at 01:07 PM

JG

“ Ruth was a caring loving human being who touched my life once every year for at least 10 years in the nineties. She came to Wisconsin with my sister and worked my craft show for the weekend. She would do her shopping early in the morning in her pajamas before we opened the house to the public. I loved her excitement about her purchases and her appreciation for my creativity. I will never forget her loving spirit and her kindness to my family. My love to all of the family, Janet (Schneiberg) Gagan

Janet Schneiberg Gagan - January 02, 2019 at 07:29 PM

JB

“ Dear Ross family...Ruth was a dear young woman...always so trusting and wanting so badly to get better...she gave her all to her friends and her UMC Libertyville church and the congregation. always upbeat and caring for others..They say the only thing you can take with you when you leave this old world, is the good you left behind and she did..Don and Jeris Boyce

Jeris Boyce - January 01, 2019 at 09:15 AM