



## Ruth Keller

October 3, 2015

Ruth Ann Keller passed away on Saturday, the 3rd of October, 2015. She was born in Atlas, IL in 1929 as the youngest of 11 children to Luther and Nellie Peecher. Ruth received her Bachelor of Education from Western Illinois University and launched on an adventure in Europe teaching for the Department of Defense School system in Laon, France. She married her husband of 59 years in France and supported him through his 20+ year career in the US Air Force, packing up and moving every few years, establishing a new home for her family. They eventually settled in Cincinnati, OH which they called home for nearly 30 years, but spent the last 10 years in Gurnee/Vernon Hills, IL.

Ruth loved reading, flower gardening, golf, card games, and most of all, family. She could not be beat at cribbage or gin rummy and spent many hours trying to master pinochle as well. She was a provider and caregiver to her family and anyone lucky enough to call her friend. Beloved wife, cherished mother, adored grandmother; she blanketed her family in love.

Ruth is survived by her husband Richard Keller; her children Michael and

Terry Keller, Ann Slavin, David and Barb Keller, Mari and Dale Frea; her son-in-law Carleton and Tina Birch; her twelve grandchildren, Becky, Julie, Hallie, Luke, Seth, Elizabeth, Andrew, Jonathan, Caroline, Abigail, Reanna, and Bryan; her brothers George (Betty) and Lester (Joyce) Peecher, and numerous nieces and nephews. Ruth is happily reunited in heaven with her beloved daughter Susan Ava Birch and all the family members who preceded her in death.

Visitation will be on Saturday, October 10th from 10:00 - 11:30 with a service immediately following at Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. Memorial gifts may be made to the American Cancer Society.

# Tribute Wall

JD

“ Remembering Aunt Ruth and the family times we shared, our love and sympathy,

Judy and Ray Davenport - April 27, 2018 at 05:15 AM

LB

“ Mari - I'm thinking of you and hope to see you Saturday morning. Hope you are surrounded by your family.

Linda Brady - April 27, 2018 at 05:15 AM

LM

“ To Aunt Ruth's family, She was a wonderful person who will be greatly missed.

Lana & Steve Martinek - April 27, 2018 at 05:15 AM

DB

“ I feel fortunate to have spent time with Ruth and Dick - especially enjoying having them at several of our fall pumpkin carving parties. It was obvious Ruth loved her family and enjoyed spending time with them. I wish I could have tasted her pie!

Donna Biersack - April 27, 2018 at 05:15 AM

KK

“ Dear Mari and family, we are so sorry about the loss of your mother...She was an amazing lady and loved you all very much Our thoughts and prayers are with you...XOXO Mark, Kristina and Kamryn Frea

Kristina Mark and Kamryn - April 27, 2018 at 05:15 AM

ME

“ I am so sorry to hear about your loss. Marybeth and I will keep you in our prayers.

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**Marybeth & Rip Edmundson** - April 27, 2018 at 05:15 AM

AC

“ Dear Dick,

*So sorry to hear about Ruth. You are very blessed to have had her in your life. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Your friends at DeltaHawk Engines -  
Doug, Dennis, Anne, Stephen, George, Norm*

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**Anne Cundari** - April 27, 2018 at 05:15 AM

J(

“ I remember Ruth (and the rest of the Keller clan) living next door to us in Cincinnati on Lochcrest Drive. She was always so sweet!  
Good friends with my parents Don & Sharon Gaffney. Sorry sorry to hear the news. You had a great Wife/Mother!

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**Joe Ward (Gaffney)** - April 27, 2018 at 05:15 AM