



Rueben W. Ruch Jr.

March 17, 1949 - April 30, 2020

Rueben W. Ruch Jr. passed away at his home on April 30, 2020. He was born at St Agnes Hospital on March 17, 1949 to Rueben Sr. and Marjorie (Krueger) Ruch. He was baptized at St Peter's Lutheran Church and confirmed at Faith Lutheran Church in Fond du Lac, WI. He graduated from Winnebago Lutheran Academy where he met the love of his life, Kathleen (Tabbert) Ruch. He was drafted into the US Army and, much to his dismay, was honorably discharged due to a high school football injury that had not healed properly. He used this challenging time of his life to fuel his patriotism. He held a special place in his heart for the many friends and family members that offered their service for our country. He returned home and later married Kathy on July 12, 1969 at St Peter's Lutheran Church in Eldorado, WI. He spent much of his career as an insurance salesman and financial advisor for Aid Association for Lutherans, which later became Thrivent Financial. He looked forward to his retirement years to when he could volunteer his time and talents. He traveled to Russia and Haiti with WELS Kingdom workers and helped build churches in Arizona, Colorado and Wisconsin with Builders for Christ. He gained many cherished relationships and a new appreciation for the Lord's blessings he had been given. He loved spending time with his 13 grandchildren and traveled to many softball, football, soccer, baseball, robotic, musical, graduation and any other event that they were in. He enjoyed finding a good bargain and hunting for treasures at antique stores. He learned the art of growing garlic and quickly became known as "Mr. Garlic" at the Waupun Farmer's Market; his children

and grandchildren plan to continue this venture. He had a deep love for music (something he passed on to his children) and was a shining star on the karaoke machine. Most importantly, Rueben was sure of the promise of Heaven and we all have the comfort of knowing he is in the arms of his loving Savior. He was ready, and so are we.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Kathleen, and their dog Mutt-Z. His children and grandchildren Heidi (Ryan) Kohlmetz and their children Megan (Noah) Strasser, Macy and Jared; Heather (Lou) Vadala and their children Matt, Sophia, Isaac and Frank; Benjamin (Teresa) Ruch and their children Brady (fiancé Kelsey Rahn) and Charles; Theodore (Stephanie) Ruch and their children Aiden, Landon, Henry and Avery.

His siblings: Shirley Gedlinske, Richard (Mary) Ruch, Norman (Joanne) Ruch and Hugh (Jim Edwards) Ruch

His in-Laws Kathleen (Don) Ruch; Cary and Sharon Eilertson; Nancy (Don Charneski) Rudey; Bill and Kay Tabbert; Greg (fiancé Pam Giese) Tabbert; John and Beth Hettwer

He is preceded in death by his parents, Rueben Sr and Marjorie Ruch; his in-laws, Lyle and Eunice Tabbert; sister Marilyn and her husband Jim Koester; brother, Donald Ruch

His brothers-in-Law Robert Rudey and David Gedlinske.

His infant grandson, Geno Vadala, who he has been waiting 14 years to wrap in his arms.

Due to the current situation with the Corona Virus, a small, immediate family committal service was held at Rosendale Cemetery on May 8, 2020. A celebration of his life will be scheduled later this summer when restrictions have been lifted. In lieu of flowers, we ask that you please consider a donation to one of these organizations – Builders for Christ or Jesus Cares Ministries. Cards for the family may be sent to Kurki Funeral Chapel 31 E Division St, Fond du Lac, WI 54935

Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever. Psalm 23:6

Cemetery Details

Rosendale Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **10**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Faith Ev. Lutheran Church
55 Prairie Road
Fond du Lac, WI 54935
office@faithlutheranfdl.org
<http://www.faithlutheranfdl.org>

Funeral Service

JUL **10**. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Kathy, Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. Always enjoyed visit with him at family functions. Cherish the memories they are the special gift he left us all.*
Rick and Mary

Mary Froehlich - July 03, 2020 at 09:58 AM

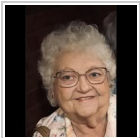
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“ *Kathy*

You have our sympathy. Rueb was the same age as I am. I was so pleased that I had the chance to talk to Rueb at one of the last cousin dinners. We didn't see each other for years. He told me of his health problems then. He will be missed.

Cousin connie

connie stephany - May 13, 2020 at 10:12 AM



“ *Kathy, my heart goes out to you and your family. He was just 4 months ago visiting me when my Norm died. I have know your hubby since he was born and have loved him every since. We would also talk everywhere we met and shared hugs. He was the most kind, gentle and loving guy. Life is so short, we have to cherish every moment. Now all we both have a precious memories. Bless you all, hugs. Let me know when we can share with you. Love & Hugs.*

Judie Gratton Behnke

Judie Behnke - May 02, 2020 at 03:20 PM

JK

“ Kathy,
Jerry and I send much love, prayers and Uncle Jerry hugs to you and your family. Uncle Jerry is so thankful that he and Rueb stayed connected via phone calls. Jerry loved his nephew very much. We cherish the memories we have of the times we got together on Fridays for our fish fries (especially at Roxies, that waitress loved teasing Rueb) With each passing moment, life becomes a memory and those memories can never be taken from us!
We love you and your family!!

Uncle Jerry and Aunt Judy

Judy Krueger - May 02, 2020 at 08:58 AM

KG

“ Kathy, sending lots of love at this difficult time. Please call me when you feel the need to talk, anytime, day or night. My deepest sympathy goes out to you and your family.
Karen & Lou Goetzinger



Karen Goetzinger - May 02, 2020 at 06:48 AM



“ We had so many good times and laughs through the years. You will be deeply missed. Diana

Diana Konen - May 01, 2020 at 02:47 PM