



Ruth E. Kroes

November 5, 1916 - November 4, 2010

Ruth Kroes, 93, formerly of Fond du Lac, died Thursday, November 4, 2010, at the Congregational Home, Brookfield. She was born on November 5, 1916, at St. Agnes Hospital, Fond du Lac, a daughter of Reinhold and Erna Bruett Rusch. Ruth graduated from Goodrich High School and worked as a teacher's aid in the Fond du Lac elementary schools and later worked at O'Briens Dry Goods. On August 12, 1942, she married Walter A. Kroes in Fond du Lac. Ruth was a troop leader, troop organizer, cookie chairwoman, and a member of the Wau Bun Girl Scouts Board of Directors. She was the president of Bragg School Parent Teacher Organization. Ruth was a member of Pilgrim United Church of Christ, Fond du Lac, and enjoyed singing in the choir for over 40 years and was president of the church women's group for several years. Ruth was also an active volunteer at St. Agnes Hospital. She is survived by her son, David (Debra) Kroes of Waukesha; a granddaughter, Sheri (Nick) Barth of Milwaukee; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Walter, on July 14, 1985; two daughters: Carol and Barbara; three brothers: Harry, Reynold, and Paul Rusch; and a sister, Frieda Page. The funeral service will be held at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, November 7, 2010, at Mach Funeral Chapel & Crematory, 31 E. Division Street, Fond du Lac, with Rev. Ted Drewsen officiating. Burial will take place in Rienzi Cemetery. The visitation will be on Sunday at Mach Funeral Chapel & Crematory from 11:00 a.m. until the time of service.

Tribute Wall

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Martin Weiss of Potomac, Maryland - November 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ So sad to hear of Ruth's passing. I am a long-time friend of her son, David, from our college days. I remember coming to visit Fond du Lac during holidays, particularly Thanksgiving and engaging Ruth's warm, friendly, loving personality. It was as if I had known her all my life. She is now united with Walter, and her daughter Barbara, among others. What a caring, loving woman out of a great family. God Bless!

Kevin Shaw - November 14, 2010 at 02:18 PM

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Kevin Shaw of Gaithersburg, Maryland - November 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ So sad to hear of Ruth's passing. I will always remember her as a sweet, kind, and wonderful person. We had a lot of fun together over the years.

Darlene Green - November 05, 2010 at 05:14 PM

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