



Ruth Elvi Anderson

January 22, 1929 - January 23, 2021

Ruth Elvi Anderson went into the arms of her father on January 23, 2021.

Ruth was born to Fred and Bertha (Mattson) Michaud on January 22, 1929 in Pontiac, Michigan. Her childhood was spent traveling about Michigan, following her dad as he worked various jobs, even living in a tent in Munising when her dad was a commercial fisherman on Lake Superior, but the northside of Iron Mountain was always remembered as home.

When her Uncle John left to serve during WWII, Ruth went to live with her grandmother on the family farm in Balsam, where she learned to speak Finnish so she could communicate with MuuMuu. Ruth excelled in school, beginning at the former Amidon School in Iron Mountain and graduating from Crystal Falls High School Class of 1945 at valedictorian at 16 years old. Ruth married Paul Anderson on February 1, 1947 in Crystal Falls. After spending a few years in Pontiac, and giving birth to two sons, the couple moved back to Crystal Falls, building a house at Memory Lane where two more children were added to the family. In 1968, the family moved to Lake Mary where Ruth welcomed family and many guests and treated them to her wonderful cooking. In addition to cooking, Ruth was a voracious reader, excellent seamstress, and great friend.

From the age of 16 Ruth worked, starting at the old Mendolson's store and

retiring from Malkin's and Sons after many years. Ruth balanced family and work, in addition to community involvement. She was a member of VFW Post 2891 Ladies Auxiliary serving in multiple roles, including president and treasurer. She successfully ran and was elected to serve as District 15 President and then went on to serve as Michigan Department President.

Ruth leaves four children, Greg (Rose) Anderson, David (Marg) Anderson, Renee Anderson and Paula Anderson; five grandchildren, Jennifer Jo, Michelle (Pickles), David (DA), Jason, and Jeremie.

Preceding her in death were her husband, mother and father, and one grandchild.

In honor of her memory, the family asks everyone to do their part to control the spread of COVID 19. Please stay home if possible, avoid crowds, wear a mask when out, and follow other precautions as described at [CDC.com](https://www.cdc.com)

A memorial service for Ruth is planned for the Spring.

Condolences to the family of Ruth Elvi Anderson may be expressed online at www.nashfuneralhome.net

The family has entrusted the Nash Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Crystal Falls with arrangements.

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Family of Aunt Ruth,
It has been years since I have seen you all, but have great memories of coming to family picnics at Lake Mary when I was a little girl. My Grandma was your Aunt Vienna Gallmore. May it help to know you are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Hoping you are blessed with many happy memories of your mom too.

Larry and Alyce (Curnow) Griffioen

Larry & Alyce Griffioen - February 01, 2021 at 02:55 PM

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“ Condolences to your family. Always enjoyed the Sisu of Ruthie!



Grace Michaud and David Hiltunen - January 29, 2021 at 07:15 PM

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“ 6 files added to the album Ruthie



paula - January 26, 2021 at 06:28 PM

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A beautiful and talented woman. You take after her Paula. God give you and your family peace.

Johnene Anderson - January 27, 2021 at 04:26 PM