



Ruth Boese

December 22, 1932 - January 10, 2026

IN MEMORY OF:

Ruth Boese

Serving Location:

CRAIN PLEASANT GROVE-MURDALE FUNERAL HOME

31 Memorial Drive, Murphysboro, Illinois

Ruth Boese, age 93, of Murphysboro, received her victory into the loving arms of Jesus on January 10, 2026, at Manor Court of Carbondale.

Ruth was born on December 22, 1932, in Jackson County, Illinois at home, the daughter of Fred and Erna (Roth) Saupe. She married William N. Boese on December 13, 1953.

Ruth worked at the Carbondale Clinic Pediatrics Department until her retirement. She was a lifelong member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church serving on the Ladies Aid and Alter Guild. She was a member of the Quilt Club and the Route 1 Hobby Club. Ruth delivered meals on wheels to fellow senior citizens for many years. Ruth enjoyed gardening, cooking, and going out to eat with her friends. Most of all, Ruth enjoyed spending time with her family and attending the many activities of her grandchildren and great-

grandchildren. She will be missed by all those who knew and loved her.

Survivors include five children; daughter, Brenda Fox; daughter, Sandra Norman; daughter, Camilla (Steve) Sawalich; daughter, Vanessa (Todd) Lirely; and son, Michael (Jodi) Boese. Additional survivors include eight grandchildren; Will (Jennifer) Fox; Pam (Alan) Freeman; Laura White; Tabitha (Dave) Mack; Tassie (Nick) Doellman; Alayna (Jayden) Roper; Alexa Boese; and AJ Boese plus thirteen great-grandchildren and was known as "Aunt Ruth" by nieces, nephews, and great-nephews/nieces.

Ruth was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and two brothers, Robert Saupe and Ruben Saupe (Her twin).

The family wishes to thank her special caregivers who provided such loving care and support these past months.

Funeral Services honoring Ruth's life will take place on Thursday, January 15, 2026 at 11:00 AM at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Murphysboro with Pastor Matthew Christian officiating. Visitation will be held prior to the service from 9:00 AM until 11:00 AM at the church.

Interment will follow the service at Pleasant Grove Memorial Park.

The family requests with gratitude that memorial donations in Ruth's honor may be made to the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Murphysboro.

Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Pleasant Grove Memorial Park

31 Memorial Dr.
Murphysboro, IL 62966
(618) 687-1145
crain@crainsonline.com

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 15. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (cst)

Immanuel Lutheran Church
1915 Pine St
Murphysboro, IL 62966
(618) 684-3012

Funeral Service

JAN 15. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (cst)

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Interment

JAN 15. 12:15 PM - 12:45 PM (cst)

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Tribute Wall

AH

“ my beautiful neighbor who became family her and i loved doing her hair every week, i'm sure she looked beautiful and will always be in my heart

Anita Harris - January 15 at 05:58 PM

SW

“ Steve. Sue, Corey and Nick Williams lit a candle in memory of Ruth Boese



Steve. Sue, Corey and Nick Williams - January 14 at 01:30 PM

SW

“ Ruth was a wonderful lady ❤️ Remembering her at the Clinic when I would take my kids to the pediatrician. She loved her church and was always there to help. Rest in peace. Prayers for all of her family 🙏

Steve. Sue, Corey and Nick Williams - January 14 at 01:29 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Ruth Boese.



January 14 at 10:49 AM

RW

“Lois and I remember Ruth and Bill quite well as their children were a part of the student body of Immanuel Lutheran School when I was the principal and teacher from 1965- 1976. Ruth quietly provided a calm and strong faith for her children and family members. She was actively involved in the church and school ministries of Immanuel and remembered for her kindnesses.

Our prayers and comfort to all the family members. Roger Walker

Roger Walker - January 13 at 05:57 PM