



## Ruth Ann Cook

April 16, 1954 - October 22, 2017

Ruth Ann Cook, 63, of Murphysboro, passed away at 8:40 p.m. on Sunday, October 22, 2017, at Memorial Hospital in Carbondale.

Ruth was born on April 16, 1954, in Murphysboro, to Harry Murphy, Sr. and Vivian Ruth (Adkins) Murphy.

She had worked for thirty years at SIU-Carbondale and retired as an office manager.

Mrs. Cook was a member of St. Andrew Catholic Church in Murphysboro, and a member of the American Legion Post # 127 Ladies Auxiliary.

Ruth Ann loved to knit and still did some ceramics. She was a puppy rescuer.

She married Ronald "Pat" Cook on December 13, 1975, in Murphysboro, and he survives.

Other survivors include two children Patrick Ryan Cook and his wife Victoria Cook of San Diego, CA and Emily Cook and her partner Tara Cooper of Murphysboro;

four grandchildren Garrett Cook of Rockport, TX, Hunter Cook of San Diego,

CA, and Jamie Cooper and Stephanie Cooper both of Carterville;

one sister and brother in law Frances and Ed Reiman of Murphysboro;

one brother and sister in law Harry Murphy, Jr. and Doreen Murphy of Springfield, IL;

one brother in law and his wife Mike and Sue Cook of O'Fallon, IL; and two nieces and three nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

A Memorial Mass will be held at 12 noon Monday, October 30, 2017, at St. Andrew Catholic Church with Father Gary Gummersheimer officiating. Visitation will be from 10 to 12 noon at the church. Memorials may be made to St. Andrew Catholic Church or to the Knights of Columbus. For more information, please visit [www.pettettfuneralhome.com](http://www.pettettfuneralhome.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ruth Ann Cook*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Pat, I am so privileged to have met Ruth and to have shared so many happy times! I am a better person because of her. I will truly miss her. As Steve would say such a beautiful lady!!*

**Becky** - November 02, 2017 at 05:57 PM



“ *Pat I am very sorry for your loss of your wife. I want to extend my sympathy to you and your family.  
Take care of you. Miss seeing you at KC meals and when your Dad and Charlie Endres's was at Prairie Living. I will remember you in my prayers.  
Your friend always, Judy Bittle*

**Judy Bittle** - October 28, 2017 at 04:23 AM



“ *Pat I am very sorry for the loss of your wife. I want to extend my sympathy to you and your family.  
I took care of your Dad at Prairie Living and I am Connie Wills cousin. Take care of you and miss seeing you at the KC meals.  
Your friend today, tomorrow and always,  
Judy Bittle*

**Judy Bittle** - October 28, 2017 at 04:14 AM

TL

“ Pat,  
*I am so sorry for your loss. I am going to miss seeing you both and miss her hardy laugh. I am happy that I had the privilege to meet you both!! My thoughts are with you and your family.*

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**Teresa Leonard** - October 27, 2017 at 09:08 PM

CS

“ *I am praying that the soul of Ruth Ann Cook is with the Lord and resting with Him in peace. I also pray that God will comfort her loved ones, especially her faithful daughter, Emily Cook.*

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**Cynthia Sims** - October 27, 2017 at 05:52 PM

AC

“ *Pat, my condolences to you and your family.  
Words fall short of expressing my sorrow for your loss.  
I hope you find comfort and the courage to face the days ahead without Ruth. She will live on in our memories forever.*

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**Allison Carroll** - October 26, 2017 at 03:52 PM

AC

“ I first met Ruth in February 2011 at The Yarn Shoppe in Herrin. She was part of a group who met there to knit every Friday. I will always remember her infectious laugh! We shared a love of yarn and I admired Ruth's socks and shawls which she produced faster than I could wind a skein!

Ruth and Paulette told me tales about their annual "Girls' Week at the Beach" and I was so pleased when I asked if there "was room for one more" that they both said "Yes! We would love you to come along" Many happy memories followed! I'm sorry that health issues and a breakdown of communication meant we didn't keep in touch as much, but we were still ravelry friends and Stephen West admirers!

RIP Ruth, and eat dessert first if you want to!

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**Allison Carroll** - October 26, 2017 at 03:33 PM

LC

“ Pat we were so sad to hear of Ruths passing she was a true friend who always had a big smile and hearty laugh. Though she will be deeply missed by all who were fortunate enough to know her and call her their friend we know she is in a far better place with no more pain or suffering. We wish to extend to you and the family our deepest sympathies and let you know you are in our prayers. May God comfort you in this time of loss and ease your pain.

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**Les and Dawn Caplinger** - October 25, 2017 at 08:42 PM

BS

“ Pat, Even though the miles & years have separated us, please know that we are thinking of you and your family. We know Ruth is with God now and no more pain. That thought can ease your mind now. I remember many happy times we had watching our families grow. Ruth was a good friend, wife & mother. She cared a lot for people. Pat, I admire your own strength, love and commitment to Ruth through her courageous fight. Prayers will continue for you, Ryan & Emily.

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**Bob & Mary Jean Sistik** - October 25, 2017 at 01:41 PM

LC

“ Ruth Ann, May you rest in peace. I send condolence to your family in this difficult time. Ruth Ann touched everyone who knew and loved her, our hearts are touched deeply in this sad time, May God be with you to comfort you.

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**Laura Lou "Boulton" Crawford** - October 25, 2017 at 01:40 PM

DL

“ Pat,

*My condolences to you and your family. I am sorry for y0our loss.*

*May God comfort you and bless you.*

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**Davidk Lewis** - October 25, 2017 at 01:00 PM

SN

*“ I have known Ruth Ann for many many years. As children we were raise in the same church and attended some school together. She was a delight to be around, always possitive, happy, and fun to be with. Pat my heart goes out to you and your family. She will be missed, she could be a force to be reckoned with, but at peace now. RIP my friend.*

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**Suzie Naegele** - October 24, 2017 at 02:07 PM

BC

*“ So sorry to hear of the loss of Ruth. She was a wonderful lady. The family will be in our thoughts and prayers. God Bless!*

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**Beth Clover** - October 24, 2017 at 12:47 PM

ML

*“ A beautiful woman no longer walks by our side, but her light shines on through all that knew her. My condolences to Pat, Emily, and to her whole family.*

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**Melissa Lockhart** - October 24, 2017 at 11:31 AM

MB

*“ Pat, I know that Ruth Ann has fought this fight for many years. As you and your family grieve her departure, you can celebrate her life and her faith. God has been good to all of us because of Ruth Ann's impact in our lives. She was always a friend to me, always able to laugh, always sharing that bright smile. We could always pick up where we last left off in our friendship. You know that more than any of us. Having lost my first wife, Debra, I can empathize to some degree. You will be brought before the Lord in my prayer.*

*Milton*

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**Milton Bost** - October 24, 2017 at 10:16 AM