



## Ruth Nielsen

October 4, 1954 - April 25, 2007

(Norma) Ruth Nielsen, age 52, of Murphysboro, went to be with the Lord at 1:42 p.m. Wednesday, April 25, 2007, at her sister's home in Murphysboro.

Ruth was born on October 4, 1954, in Murphysboro, to Ernst and Imogene (Sumner) Nielsen. She graduated with high honors from the Murphysboro Township High School in 1972. She graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Zoology from SIU-C in 1976. She lived in Phoenix, Arizona for ten years where she worked as a pharmacy technician.

Then, she worked as a veterinary technician for 5 years in Sitka, Alaska. She moved back to murphysboro in 2003 and most recently worked as a medical transcriptionist for SIH.

She was a member of Christ Community Church in Murphysboro.

Ruth is survived by her daughter Stefani Swiatkowski, an art student at Cornish College of the Arts in Seattle. Ruth is also survived by her ex-husband Terry Swiatkowski. Both Stefani and Terry live in the state of Washington. Ruth was preceded in death by a daughter Erica, who died in a motorcycle accident in Juneau, Alaska, on July 31, 2002.

She is also survived by her parents of Murphysboro; three sisters Mary Pwoell

and her husband Larry Powell, Sue Vana and her husband Eric Vana, and  
Becky Reiman, all of Murphysboro;

five nephews and one niece Sam Powell, Quinn Vana, Issac Vana, Niel Vana,  
Jacob Reiman and Bethany Reiman, all of Murphysboro.

She was also preceded in death by her grandparents.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ruth Nielsen*

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October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Even tho I never met Ruth face to face I considered her a dear friend! I know someday we will meet!! As always-Ruth I am sending you my love!!*

*To her family-esp Mary and Sam-I am thinking of you and praying for you all! Love, Debbie*

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**Debbie Matthews** - April 26, 2007 at 05:45 PM