



Ruth Gedeon King

August 29, 2013

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Gedeon King (1925-2013) passed away peacefully on August 29, 2013 at Steven's Park with her daughter, Susan, at her side. Ruth knew no strangers and is remembered for her warmth and wit.

Ruth was preceded in death by husband, Leo Gedeon (d. 1972), and husband Fred King (d. 1998), her parents and sister (Delores Stuewe).

She is survived by her three daughters, Ruthann Gedeon Gaude, Kathryn Thomas (David), and Susan Lingenfelter (Clark), five grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. Also surviving from the King family are step-children: Rick King (Sheryl), Bob King (Helen), Kathy Herrick (Allan), Tim King (Carol), Tom King (Connie), James King (Joanne), Chris King (Maureen), Patty Currier (Ken), Bill King (Kim), and 16 King grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 6:00-8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 3rd at Chance & Hydrick Funeral Directors in Augusta, GA. A Mass of the Resurrection will be held at St Teresa's of Avila Catholic Church, Grovetown, GA at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 5th. Interment will be at Holy Cross Cemetery in Cleveland, Ohio at a later date.

Ruth Gedeon King, daughter of Catherine and Peter Mika, was born in Cleveland, Ohio. She attended St. Boniface Catholic School, and graduated from West Technical High School in 1942.

In 1946, Ruth married Leo Gedeon. Together they had three daughters, Ruthann, Kathryn, and Susan. Ruth lived in Fairview Park from 1953-1978.

As a mother of three daughters, Ruth became active as a Girl Scout leader at St. Angela Merici Catholic Church where the family attended. Following the death of husband, Leo, Ruth worked full time for the Lake Erie Girl Scout Council from 1972-1978.

In 1978, Ruth married Frederick B. King of Cleveland, Ohio. With this marriage, Ruth became "Mamaa" to Fred's seven sons and two daughters. Ruth and Fred moved to

Florida in the early 1980's, first as snowbirds on Hutchinson Island, and then becoming permanent residents in Port St. Lucie in 1989.

In Florida, Ruth was an active member of Holy Family Catholic Church for twenty years. She served as a Lay Eucharistic Minister, a Collection Counter, and as the secretary of Holy Family's Catholic Church Women for a number of years. She loved Florida and continued her life there following Fred's death in 1998. Ruth moved to Augusta, GA in 2009 to be closer to her daughter, Susan.

Ruth enjoyed using her gifts for other people. She was creative and her artistry showed up most as she created a loving home for her family and a place of welcome for friends. Her daughters could count on her to create beautiful birthday cakes, and later, cakes for her grandchildren's baptisms. She used her skills as a seamstress to create formals and bridesmaid dresses as her daughters grew into young women. Later, she would create baked goods or hand sewn items for her Church's Christmas Bazaar.

Ruth's greatest gift and what she is remembered for most is her ability to make people laugh. Her quick wit and winsome smile paired with the twinkle in her eye brought joy to all who were in her presence. Beloved Mother, Grandmother, and Great-Grandmother, Ruth is remembered for her wit, youthful outlook on life, and indomitable spirit.

Ruth's lifelong Catholic Christian faith was the bedrock of her outlook and approach to life. Because of her trust in God, she lived joyfully without too much worry. Her favorite saying was "What will be, will be". She always assured us that "Everything will be alright", and "I'm OK".

Our family thanks the staff of Stevens Park Health and Rehabilitation Center for the love and care that they have given Ruth these past two and a half years, especially since her fall this past April. We are also grateful to the Hospice Care Team that supported her and Susan so kindly during this time of transition.

"We are judged not by how much we love, but by how much we are loved." (from The Wizard of Oz)

Mom, we love you so much. Thank you for your unconditional love. Thank you for teaching us to be loving, strong women. Thanks for giving us "roots and wings". Thanks for sharing your wonderful sense of humor. Thanks for "being here" for us when we needed Mom.

Mom to you, we say, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

"The term is over; the holidays have begun. The dream is ended. It is morning." (C.S. Lewis, The Last Battle)

Your loving Daughters/Precious Angels #1, #2, #3, (a.k.a. Ruthann, Kathryn, Susan)
Chance and Hydrick Funeral Directors, 2502 Richmond Hill RD, Augusta, GA 30906

Tribute Wall

ES

“ Dear “Gedeon” Girls, I am saddened to hear of your Mother's passing. She was a good friend to our Mom, Lucille and also was my Godmother. She, Mom and Rose Black were always a trio in Cleveland and I have so many happy memories of the times we got together. Mom is now in a nursing home with dementia, but physically fine and still dancing! We recently visited Mrs Black and she is well. My thoughts and prayers are with your families. Sincerely, Elaine Schultz Staley

Elaine Schultz Staley - September 08, 2013 at 08:42 AM

LD

“ Dear Susan,
I was so sorry to learn of your loss this evening while visiting my grandmother at Stevens Park. My wife and I saw the beautiful picture of Ms. Ruth and the flowers displayed in her memory. We are definitely going to miss seeing her sweet smile and talking with you. You and your family will be in our thoughts and prayers.
Sincerely,
Lance Danko
Grandson of Ms. Rose from across the hallway

Lance Danko - September 06, 2013 at 08:20 PM

DN

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I apologize that I was not able to be there in person because I have been sick since last Sunday, but I am praying that the Holy Spirit will comfort y'all in these difficult times.

Douglas Noel - September 06, 2013 at 05:54 PM

JT

“ There is no one to replace my Grandma Ruth. She is one of a kind with her simple but sincere wisdom, her infectious and mischevious laugh and twinkling smile. As one of her many Jr. "Precious Angels" (grand-daughter), I can only thank her for the special times I had with her and the many small but valuable lessons she so easily slipped into our interactions. I know her soul has been welcomed home but she has been and will be missed terribly. God bless you Grandma, I will always love you and never forget you.

Jessica Tupa - September 04, 2013 at 12:03 AM

CB

“ Dear Sue,
You are being wrapped up in prayer. You have such a beautiful smile and sweet spirit, and I'll bet you got at least some of that from your mom! Please accept my apology for not being able to see you this critical week, but circumstances have prevented me. May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

Christine Bruner - September 03, 2013 at 08:54 PM

PB

“ Ms. Ruth will always be remembered by our family. Every Sunday we would see her at Stevens Park sitting at the front door or in the hallway. She always had a smile, a kind word or a little humor for us. She touched the heart of every member of my family. My mother, Barbara Blackman, will miss her terribly. The world is a better place because of people like Ms. Ruth. I spoke with her for the last time a few weeks ago and she told me that day that she was going home. I asked her when and she laughed and said "Well, as soon as I get my clothes on!" We laughed a little and then she became quiet as she told me it was time and she was ready. My heart ached for Ms. Ruth and her family that day. Such a beautiful soul. Thank you for the warmth, the smiles, and the laughter, Ms. Ruth. Rest in peace.

Pam Cooksey and Barbara Blackman - September 03, 2013 at 01:37 PM

JB

“ Dearest Sue and Clark
No words can ease the passing of a loved one, but truly know that she is resting and is at peace. I love you guys
"If the people we love are stolen from us the way to have them live on is to never stop loving them."

Julie Brackett - September 03, 2013 at 12:10 PM

BF

“ Dear Sue and Clark - our thoughts are with you and your family. I will always remember your Mom as sweet, cheerful and accepting of everything and everyone.

Bill & Chris Black and family - September 03, 2013 at 11:35 AM

RS

“ Sue and Clark,
My thoughts and prayers are with you during this sad time. Your mother sounds like someone I would have loved getting to know. May God wrap His loving arms around you and bless you with the peace that passes all understanding during this difficult time.

Renee Schaffer - September 03, 2013 at 09:34 AM

PK

“ Sue and Clark, you are in our thoughts. You have our most sincere wishes for solace in this time of grief.

Peggy & Chuck Kelly - September 02, 2013 at 05:52 PM

AV

“ Dear Sue and Clark,
My deepest sympathy during this time of loss. Loving thoughts to your entire family. Such a delightful photo of your mother. Hugs.

Avery Villines - September 02, 2013 at 10:27 AM

KR

“ Dear Sue and Clark, you are in our thoughts and prayers. Death is never easy, but we rejoice knowing that our loved ones are not in pain or distress any longer. The memories will always live on.

Kitty and Les Reagan - September 02, 2013 at 09:43 AM

JS

“Ruth, you will be fondly remembered by our family as a kind and caring person. Thanks for making mothers time with you some of her better last days at Stevens Park. We know you both will be reunited in your Heavenly home enjoying each others company again. God bless your family may he give them comfort in this time of grief.

James & Martha Staulcup - September 01, 2013 at 06:22 AM