



Ruth B. Heckathorn

July 8, 1923 - January 25, 2026

Ruth Betty Heckathorn age 102 of Forest, passed away on Sunday Jan. 25, 2026 at Wyandot County Skilled Nursing & Rehabilitation Center. She was born July 8, 1923 to the late William H. and Fannie B. (Huff Fox) Ulrich in Wyandot County. On May 9, 1943 she married Richard Anson Heckathorn, he preceded her in death in 1982.

Ruth is survived by her children Ronald L. (Marcia) Heckathorn, Marion, Gary R. (Susan) Heckathorn, Upper Sandusky, Carol L. (Rex) Kear, Forest, an adopted daughter according to Ruth Toni Breidenbach, Forest, Grandchildren are Michelle (Scott) Rooper, Upper Sandusky, Keren Heckathorn, Charlottesville, VA, David (Kayla) Heckathorn, Solon, Rachel (Joe) Schreck, Wadsworth, Sarah Kear, Butler Township and Amber (Scott) Didion, Monroeville, great grandchildren Layne Rooper, Katherine, Lily and Violet Heckathorn, Micah, Emerson Ruth Schreck, She was preceded in death by brothers Harold (Ruth) Ulrich, Gerald (Mildred) Ulrich and a sister Irene (Ward) Spitler, Walton.

She was graduate of Forest High School. She grew up attending York St. Christian Union Church and as an adult became a member of Wharton 1st Church of God for 50 years where she was very active and involved. Her favorite Bible verse was Phillippians 1:21 explains her life "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." She served on the Forest Christian Pre-School Board. Ruth was a homemaker and was the owner of the Style Shop in

Forest, a cook at the Marseilles School and a meat cutter at Marseilles IGA. She was an excellent seamstress and quilter. She loved her companion cat, Macy.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 11:00AM on Sat. April 18, 2026 at the Wharton Church of God with Pastors Derek Pryor and Toriano Henry officiating. Visitation is from 10:00AM-11:00AM at the church. Memorial contribution may be made to Wharton First Church of God or Wyandot Memorial Hospice in care of Clark Shields Funeral Home 301 S. Patterson St. Forest, OH 45843. To extend a condolence or share a memory visit www.Shieldsfh.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Sincerest sympathy, Teresa Horning purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Ruth B. Heckathorn.*



Sincerest sympathy, Teresa Horning - February 06 at 10:22 AM

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“ *Teresa Horning lit a candle in memory of Ruth B. Heckathorn*



Teresa Horning - February 06 at 10:02 AM

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Teresa Horning - February 06 at 09:27 AM

LA

“ I am Sherry Lawrence's daughter, Lynn. Mom and I stopped by to see Ruth Betty, the last time we was in Ohio. We had such a pleasurable visit. Pictures were taken. Lots of hugs and kisses when we left. I'm so glad we stopped by that day. We had my granddaughter Maci with us. Ruth Betty fell in love with her. She lived a long, wonderful life, and is home now. My condolences to all. I know she'll be missed by many.

Lynn Day Allen - January 30 at 11:16 PM

SL

She was a very special person in my life...for over 50 years. I love her dearly...Will miss visits with her when in Ohio. So many wonderful memories, fun times, lots of laughs and great conversations. She loved her family. She loved the Lord and her friends. She had a smile that never changed over the years. Seeing her and spending time with her for the first time in some years, after moving away, she smiled and said " oh, I thought I would never see you again." That wouldn't happen again....I loved her too much to ever let that happen. Until we see each other again, I will miss her, think of her and love her. My love and condolences to her family.

Sherry Day Lawrence - February 04 at 08:08 AM

JS

“ Jennell Shane lit a candle in memory of Ruth B. Heckathorn



jennell Shane - January 30 at 09:43 PM

TC

“ Thoughts and prayers to all of Ruth Betty's family.

Tim Curtin - January 30 at 09:00 AM

SH

“ Oh Ruth, you were the kindest, Sweetest Lady.
I'm, so enjoyed meeting and having you as my roommate . I will
never forget you .
A special thank you. Goes out to to your family .
WOW what a Special Friendship you were to me.
Love....Hugs . And. Prayer,

Sharron - January 29 at 05:46 PM

KC

“ Ruth Betty was such a sweet lady. I remember when she ran the
Style Shop my grandma and great aunt worked for her. She also
finished up a table runner for me that my mom had started.

Kathy Curtis - January 29 at 05:08 PM