



Ruth Kennedy

August 12, 2021

Ruth Isabelle Kennedy, a resident of Fairfield Park, passed away peacefully on Thursday August 12, 2021 at the age of 90 years.

Ruth was born on January 30, 1931 to loving parents Harold Simpson and Idella McMath. She was raised on the family farm in Chatham Gore, now the home of Ron and Dawn Mudford. Ruth had an older brother George, who died in 1945 and an older sister, Irene who died as an infant in 1918.

As a young woman Ruth worked at the TD bank on the south side of Wallaceburg. She met the dashing William Donald Kennedy when he came from Guelph to work on the neighbouring farm for Jock Appleton. They were married in 1952 and moved to Campbellville where they owned their first farm. Here, their two oldest sons were born, Douglas Harold (wife: Suzanne Kuchta) and David Alexander (Sandy) (Wife: Karen Lapoint).

They sold their farm near Guelph and purchased a farm from Ruth's uncle near Tupperville. Here, their youngest son, Donald Scott (wife: Tekla Lampman) was born. Douglas and Suzanne currently reside on the family farm.

Together Ruth and Don spent many years with their boys involved in the local scouting organization.

They built their dream home on the beautiful shores of Lake Huron on Emmerton Beach. Here they retired and lived their dream sharing this glorious location with their children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and many friends. Scott and Tekla currently reside here. Together Ruth and Don

maintained the local Rotary flower gardens in Kincardine for many years and faithfully attended the Kincardine Pipe Band parade and concerts every Saturday night during the summer with their Newfoundland dog, Oreo. Ruth had a great love for cats. A furry friend was a constant companion until her latter years.

Ruth's greatest love was her grandchildren, Marcy (Chris Saylor), Ian (Stephanie Vanstone), Janine (Tim Turnbull), Carolyn (Derek Rickman), Bradley (Jamie Melon), Kristina (Mike Simpson) and Jeffrey (Kayla Boyer). Spoiling was Ruth's game and her grandchildren were the joyful recipients. Ruth is also survived by her great grandchildren, Grady Turnbull, Amelia Turnbull, Kaley Rickman, Blake Rickman, Oliver Simpson, Evelyn Simpson and Ezra Kennedy.

Ruth had a loving smile for everyone, she enjoyed life, humour and music and was known to pull a prank on family members. She was well loved and loved well. She set a great example for her family and friends of a woman living her faith by showing love. She will be deeply missed.

A private family service will take place under the care of HAYCOCK-CAVANAGH FUNERAL HOME, 409 Nelson Street in Wallaceburg 519.627.3231. Ruth will be laid to rest at Kincardine Cemetery. If you so wish, donations in her memory to the Zion United Church (Tupperville) or the Heart and Stroke Foundation or a Charity of Your Choice would be appreciated. Condolences and stories may be shared with her family on her tribute page at www.cavanaghfuneralhome.ca

Tribute Wall



“ Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ruth Kennedy



Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home - August 24, 2021 at 11:32 AM

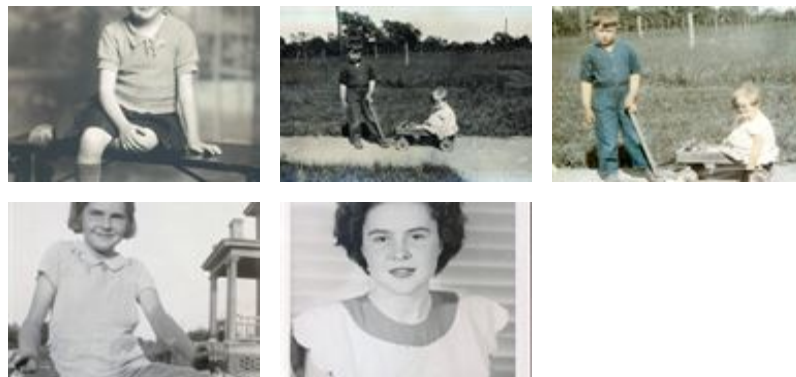


“ Ruth Kennedy

January 29, 2023 at 11:37 PM



“ 95 files added to the album Life Tributes



Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home - August 24, 2021 at 10:58 AM

BV

“ Sending our condolences to all of you. Ruth was such a lovely woman.

Brittany VanRuymbeke - August 22, 2021 at 08:04 PM

RS

“ Our deepest condolences to Doug & Sue, Sandy and Karen, Scott and Tekla and their families. Your mom was so much like your grandmother, both in looks and demeanor. Both always had a smile and would make everyone feel welcome and comfortable. I know it is a hard time but also a great time to enjoy all the wonderful memories.

Best to you all – Rob & Ann Simpson and the “kids” Jamie, Jeremiah, Jessie, and Aaron

Let us know how you are doing - annrobsimpson@snphotos.com

Rob Simpson - August 22, 2021 at 01:44 PM

LB

“ Our condolences to Suzanne, Doug and family
Carol-Anne and Lance



lance babcock - August 20, 2021 at 02:20 PM

MC

“ Maureen & Colleen Clancy lit a candle in memory of Ruth Kennedy



Maureen & Colleen Clancy - August 20, 2021 at 12:43 PM

LT

“ Our condolences to the entire family. I met Ruth at Fairfield while visiting my mother. Very sweet lady.



Linda and Brian Thornton - August 18, 2021 at 11:32 AM

BC

“ Years of annual summer family vacations to the Kennedy residence on Emmerton Beach created countless special memories. First and foremost was always being greeted by Ruth's welcoming smile and warm hello when we arrived - followed by a "little something" for the children. She was a very special lady, wife and mother and always will be a part of our happy memories.

Brian Courtis & family

Brian Courtis - August 18, 2021 at 11:16 AM

AF

“ Allison (Southgate) & Kurt Fellner lit a candle in memory of Ruth Kennedy



Allison (Southgate) & Kurt Fellner - August 17, 2021 at 09:30 PM

JO

“ 3 files added to the album *Memories Album*



JOY o'bRIEN - August 17, 2021 at 06:40 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album *Memories Album*



JOY AND NEIL O.brien - August 17, 2021 at 05:27 PM

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“ 2 files added to the album *Memories Album*



JOY AND NEIL o'Brien - August 17, 2021 at 05:19 PM

HC

“ *The Courtis family and the Kennedy family go way back. At the center of those two families was Ruth and my mother Marion. Our yearly holiday visit to Bruce beach was a highlight each year as a kid and then as a grown up with my own children. Ruth's loving, caring personality was always present. It was like she was the angel on the second floor. My #1 memory of Ruth is she made the best chocolate pudding. Her boys and there children are her crowning achievement. RIP lovely lady.*

The Courtis family - Harry Courtis

Harry Courtis - August 17, 2021 at 04:27 AM

NO

“ *We wish to extend our sincere sympathy to Douglas and Suzanne, Karen and Sandy, and Scott and Tekla, and all her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, Ruth was my cousin on her mother's side and Neil's cousin on her father's side, our relationship goes back as far as I can remember, I was the Maid of Honor at Ruth's wedding and she was the Matron of Honor at my wedding, when she lived in Campbellville and Kincardine we didn't get to see as much of each other because of distance but in the last few years we were able to see more of each other when she moved back to Wallaceburg area, We will miss her very much. Sincerely, Neil and Joy O'Brien*

Neil and Joy O'Brien - August 17, 2021 at 01:17 AM

DP

“ *Donna And Cleo Perry lit a candle in memory of Ruth Kennedy*



Donna and Cleo Perry - August 16, 2021 at 10:42 PM

JB

“ Ruth was a gently kind soul with a warm smile . She enjoyed life, and loved a celebration with her children and grandchildren. She had a great sense of humour and enjoyed a good prank. We are happy she is at peace now and we will be thinking of her family in the coming days and weeks as they mourn the loss of this amazing woman. ❤️
Tom and Judy

Judy Bachus - August 16, 2021 at 05:00 PM

JR

“ Very fond memories of Roo she had a beautiful heart and smile the memories of helping take care of her was a blessing for me. Will keep you all in my prayers

julie redman - August 16, 2021 at 03:57 PM

AP

“ Ann Park lit a candle in memory of Ruth Kennedy



Ann Park - August 16, 2021 at 02:07 PM

JG

“ John & Janice Gonyou lit a candle in memory of Ruth Kennedy



John & Janice Gonyou - August 16, 2021 at 02:03 PM

DT

“ Ruth was a positive essence with a sweet demeanor. She managed to spoil not only her grandchildren, but others who visited the shores of Kincardine, and was known as Grandma Kennedy to some. And thank goodness she knew all the words to led the kids in singing (♪ There's a hole in the bottom of the sea...or bump on the frog 🐸...or a hole in the log...) around the fire. We are privileged to have known Ruth and family.



*With fond memories,
the Thompson family*

Dave & Mary-Anne Thompson - August 16, 2021 at 12:30 PM

DC

“ Dianne Chapple lit a candle in memory of Ruth Kennedy



Dianne Chapple - August 16, 2021 at 12:18 PM

IG

“ Ian & Tina Grant lit a candle in memory of Ruth Kennedy



Ian & Tina Grant - August 16, 2021 at 12:05 PM

DT

“ Ruth was a positive ray to those who met her and many people benefited from her attitude and kindness. She spoiled other grandchildren who knew her as Grandma Kennedy when visiting the shores of Kincardine.

And she often led the kids in singing (🎵 There's a bump on the frog 🐸, or a hole in the log 🎵...) around the campfire.

We were privileged to know her, and her wonderful family.

With fond memories,
the Thompson family



Dave & Mary-Anne Thompson - August 16, 2021 at 11:47 AM

PC

“ Peggy Coppola lit a candle in memory of Ruth Kennedy



Peggy Coppola - August 16, 2021 at 10:31 AM

HB

“ To Sandy and Karen and the whole Kennedy family , I would like to extend my deepest condolences . I have been fortunate to have met Ruth through my association with Karen . Ruth and my Mother became good friends during their time at Fairfield Park Nursing Home . Ruth had such a sweet gentle soul . I'm glad to have gotten to know her .



Helga Benoit - August 16, 2021 at 10:28 AM

RR

“ *Ron & Cheryl Riedstra lit a candle in memory of Ruth Kennedy*



Ron & Cheryl Riedstra - August 16, 2021 at 10:00 AM

FV

“ *Frank & Kim VanMensel lit a candle in memory of Ruth Kennedy*



Frank & Kim VanMensel - August 16, 2021 at 07:51 AM

KS

“ *Kim Smith lit a candle in memory of Ruth Kennedy*



Kim Smith - August 16, 2021 at 01:55 AM

GF

“ *Gerry Flynn lit a candle in memory of Ruth Kennedy*



Gerry Flynn - August 15, 2021 at 11:01 PM

DM

“ *Ruth was a very special lady. From the first time we met her we loved her. We are so happy that she came for a visit got to see her old family homestead a few years back. She was very pleased to see the restoration we have done, and her positive comments meant a lot to us. RIP Ruth. You will be missed.*



Dawne Mudford - August 15, 2021 at 10:35 PM

MS

My deepest condolences to Doug & Sue, Sandy and Karen, Scott and Tekla and their families. Aunt Ruth has filled our lives with so many wonderful memories 🌹. Love from the Southgate Family

Melody Southgate - August 16, 2021 at 05:29 PM

DM

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Dawne Mudford - August 15, 2021 at 10:32 PM