



Ruth Witmer

January 27, 1923 - July 3, 2013

Ruth E. Witmer, 90, of Antioch, IL and former Kearney and Elm Creek resident died Wednesday, July 3, 2013 at the Condell Medical Center in Libertyville, IL. Funeral services will be 11:00 AM, Tuesday at the O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Chapel in Elm Creek. The Rev. Scott Foster will officiate. Interment will be in the Elm Creek Cemetery. Visitation will be one hour prior to service time. Memorials are suggested to Alzheimer's Association. On-line condolences may be shared at osrfh.com. O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home of Kearney and Elm Creek is in charge of arrangements. "Ruthie" was born January 27, 1923 in Kearney, NE to George and Eva (Perry) Prather. She grew up in Kearney and graduated from Kearney High School. After graduation she went on to graduate from beautician school. She was married to Duane "Shorty" Witmer on December 1, 1941 in Norton, KS. They made their home in Elm Creek. They later moved to Grand Island where she worked in a beauty shop for many years. She later moved to Kenosha, Wisconsin where she owned a grocery store and worked as a meat cutter for National Foods. She also lived in Texas and owned the White Heron Motel in Liberty, Texas and later a cafe and truck stop in Crosby, Texas. She retired and move back to Elm Creek in 1987. Ruthie was a member of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary, Eagles Club, Jolly Dozen Card Club and a great supporter of Wounded Warriors. Her pastimes included crocheting, bowling, gardening, cooking, gardening, playing cards and Nebraska Football. She is survived by her son, David "Pete" and wife Cheryl Witmer of Antioch, Illinois,

grandchildren, Brian and Angela Pecore and David Witmer, Jr , great-grandchildren, Ryan Pecore, Katey Kelsy and Aaron Pecore and great-great-grandchild, John Joseph Kelsy. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews and special friend, Lois Reichert. She was preceded in death by her husband and daughter, Judith, 12 brothers and sisters.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ruth Witmer*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *Did not hear about Aunt Ruth's passing until today! We had not been in contact with any family since we moved back to Texas. Will always love and miss my favorite Aunt! Love you Aunt Ruth! You will be missed greatly!*



Janet Perry - June 19, 2014 at 10:19 PM



“ *So Sorry to hear about Ruthie. I knew Ruthie through bowling with my mom, Jo Johnson, while I was in college. I always loved talking and laughing with her. She was a joy to be around!*

Jackie Eickhoff - August 21, 2013 at 05:58 AM



“ *We truly missed Ruthie when she stopped bowling. She was a super lady and will be remembered with loving thoughts.*

Mary McGee - August 21, 2013 at 05:58 AM



“ *Sorry to hear about your mothers passing*

Debbie and Steve - August 21, 2013 at 05:58 AM

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“ *Ole GI neighbor -Sorry about the death of your mother she gave me many perm's and had a lot of fun times even these later yrs would meet for lunch Geri Hoagland*

Geri (Wiegert) Hoagland - August 21, 2013 at 05:58 AM