



Ruth Marlene Kratzer

June 14, 1949 - October 7, 2025

Albany, NY-Ruth Marlene Kratzer (née Mackey), 76, of Albany, New York, passed away peacefully on October 7, 2025. Born in Council Bluffs, Iowa, and raised in Tabor, Iowa, Ruth lived a life marked by kindness, generosity, and unwavering devotion to those around her.

Ruth graduated from Fremont-Mills High School and went on to earn her nursing degree as a Licensed Practical Nurse. She dedicated nearly 20 years to a career in nursing, compassionately caring for countless patients. Her commitment to helping others continued as she transitioned into medical billing and coding, eventually earning her Bachelor's degree from Bellevue University.

On September 15, 1968, Ruth married the love of her life, Robert Kratzer. Their marriage was a testament to deep love, partnership, and mutual respect until Robert's passing.

Ruth's heart was always with her family. She is lovingly survived by her daughter Tamara, son Daniel (Sean), her sister Bertha Kasten, and her sisters-in-law Nancy (Abbot) Mackey and Donna (Cole) Mackey, as well as several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband Robert, her parents Dallas H. and Fern M. (Tackett) Mackey, siblings David, Harriet Johnson, and Tom, and brother-in-law Herb Kasten.

A devoted Christian, Ruth lived her faith daily through her kindness and service to others. She had a quiet strength and a generous spirit, always placing the needs of others before her own. Her gentle presence and caring nature will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Ruth's family Monday, October 13, 2025 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm at McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany, NY 12206. Her Funeral Service will follow at 1:30 pm. Please enter the funeral home from the rear parking lot entrance only.

Additional Services and burial will be held later in the week in Tyler, TX.

To leave a special message for the family please visit www.McveighFuneralHome.com

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly asks that donations be made in Ruth's memory to The Community Hospice, whose care and compassion supported her and her loved ones during her final days. Donations can be made <https://www.communityhospice.org/donate/>

Cemetery Details

Roselawn Cemetery

2003 Blue Mountain Blvd.
Tyler, TX 75703

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **13**. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Ruth Marlene Kratzer*



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - October 13, 2025 at 09:33 AM

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“ *Dan and Sean and family
Please know that Ruth and you all are in our thoughts and prayers.
God's blessings always!* 🙏✝️❤️



David Smith - October 14, 2025 at 10:30 AM

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*Dan and Sean and family-
Please know that Ruth and you all are in our thoughts and prayers. A
Siena Grotto candle will be lit today in Ruth's memory.
Dave, Alicia, Lauren, Ryan, Maddy, Dom, Evelyn and Lucy*

David Smith - October 14, 2025 at 10:33 AM

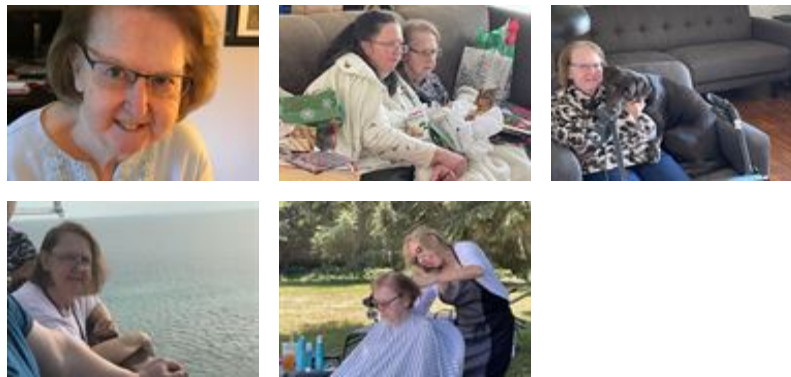
LW

“ I only knew your mom briefly Dan, but I know how much you and Sean loved her and took the best care of her over the years. As I always believe, she is over your shoulders now in spirit and listening, so please keep talking to her. Sending all my best to both of you and your family.

Lisa J Wloch - October 13, 2025 at 10:08 AM



“ 70 files added to the album LifeTributes



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - October 13, 2025 at 09:29 AM

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“ Marilyn Novak & Cathy Novak purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Ruth Marlene Kratzer.



Marilyn Novak & Cathy Novak - October 11, 2025 at 12:55 PM

AC

“ Sorry to hear of the passing of my cousin, Ruth. Many condolences to you and your families.

Anne (Tackett) Collingwood - October 10, 2025 at 03:23 PM