



## Ruth B. Ward

June 18, 1920 - June 25, 2011

Albany-Ruth B. Ward, beloved wife and mother and retired Albany teacher, died Saturday, June 25, 2011, at St. Peter's Hospital with her family at her side.

A lifelong resident of Albany, she was the daughter of John H. Baggett and Mary O'Connor Baggett. She was a graduate of Miss Quinn's School, Academy of the Holy Names, and The College of St. Rose. She often expressed appreciation for her mother's and father's determination that she receive a good education.

She and Charles Alburn Ward married in December 1947, going on to share more than 55 years together before Charles passed away in September 2003.

Ruth served for many years as a teacher in Albany, working most of her career with disadvantaged adults at Manpower Inc. and the Adult Learning Center. With her faith a constant source of strength, she was a communicant of the Church of St. Vincent de Paul and a member of its Altar Rosary Society.

She was the cherished mother of Mary Ellen Ward of Albany, Anne W. Markwardt and her husband William of Hamburg, NY, Paul Ward and his wife Gayle of Guilderland, and Robert Ward and his wife Deborah of Albany. She was predeceased by her beloved son John Ward in 1980. She will be missed

by her grandchildren, Kate, Kimberly, David and Christine Ward, and Jack, Susannah and Jim Markwardt.

Ruth's life will be celebrated in a Mass of Christian Burial at Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto (Corner Yates & Ontario Sts) Wednesday at 10:30 am. Relatives and friends are invited to call Tuesday, 4:00 to 8:00 pm at the McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany. Interment will follow Mass at St. Agnes Cemetery, Menands.

Ruth's family expresses deep gratitude to the dedicated staff of the Fatima unit at Our Lady of Mercy Life Center and St. Peter's Hospital for the wonderful care they provided her. Memorial contributions may be made to the Office of Institutional Advancement, College of St. Rose, 432 Western Ave, Albany, NY 12203.

To leave the family a special message on their guest book, obtain a prayer card or directions, or share a photo or E-card with them, please visit [www.McveighFuneralHome.com](http://www.McveighFuneralHome.com)

# Previous Events

## Service

JUN **29**. 10:30 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto (affiliated with St. Vincent de Paul Church)  
Corner of Yates and Ontario Streets  
Albany, NY

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ruth B. Ward*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *Anne, Mary Ellen, Paul and Bob.*  
*I remember visiting your mom and dad on the Cape. Your mom was always so welcoming when we stopped on our way through Albany. Love to you all.##imported-begin##Jet Gentile##imported-end##*

June 29, 2011 at 09:17 PM



“ *"Mary Ellen and Family--on behalf of the Herrick Family we wish to extend our condolences. As you know my Grandmother Eleanor G. O'Connor Herrick was your mother Ruth's sister. We do have some old memories of your family which we cherish.##imported-begin##Richard C. Herrick##imported-end##*

June 29, 2011 at 02:27 PM



“ *Bob, Im very sorry for your loss. Mom's are very special. They remain in your heart and memory forever. Please know that I am thinking of you and your family and anything I can do, I would be happy to do it for you. Memories that make you smile are very powerful. Rely on them for strength. Love, Carol##imported-begin##carol capano##imported-end##*

June 28, 2011 at 10:13 PM



“ *Mary Ellen,  
So sorry for your loss. Please know that we are here for you, now  
and always. Condolences to you & your family.##imported-  
begin##From your Co-Workers##imported-end##*

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June 28, 2011 at 01:21 PM



“ *Anne, Mary Ellen, Paul and Bob-I have many nice memories of your  
mother. My thoughts are with you. Kathy Wisnieski##imported-  
begin##Kathy Wisnieski##imported-end##*

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June 28, 2011 at 08:35 AM



“ *MaryEllen and family I am very sorry for your loss. I can really feel  
that pain, for I loss my mom in 2000. FOCUS on all your fun & happy  
memories and that will help you through this very difficult time.*

*Heidi##imported-begin##Heidi##imported-end##*

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June 27, 2011 at 01:27 PM



“ *To Mary Ellen Ward and Family*

*Mary, I feel the family's grief of the loss of your Mother. I am praying  
that God will strengthen you, Mary, and your family in your time of  
bereavement.##imported-begin##Karen Hardie##imported-end##*

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June 27, 2011 at 01:11 PM



“ *Bob, Deb and family:*

*We are saddened to hear of your mom's passing. We've heard lovely stories about her. I'm sure she will be missed terribly. Hopefully, with time, wonderful memories will replace your sadness. In deepest sympathy...##imported-begin##Michelle/Steve Thomas##imported-end##*

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June 26, 2011 at 09:41 PM



“ *Mary Ellen*

*My sympathies to you and your siblings and families on the death of your Mom. I remember meeting her on occasions stopping by after school and at events at AHN with parents. How lucky you all were to have her with you so long. I will be unable to make it Tuesday night to McVeigh's but know that I will be with you in spirit.##imported-begin##Leslie Dykeman##imported-end##*

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June 26, 2011 at 07:20 PM