



Ruth Ann Wright

March 6, 1945 - January 30, 2026

Princeton - Ruth Ann Wright, age 80, of Princeton, Illinois, passed away peacefully on Friday, January 30, 2026, at Liberty Village.

Ruth Ann was born on March 6, 1945, in Princeton, Illinois, to the late William Giesenhagen and Verda Halladay Giesenhagen. She was a proud graduate of Princeton High School, Class of 1964.

On July 16, 1967, Ruth Ann married the love of her life, Francis Wright, at the First United Methodist Church in Princeton. They shared over 58 years of marriage until Francis's passing on December 10, 2025. Their love and commitment were a guiding light throughout their lives.

Ruth Ann dedicated 35 years of service as a local bank teller, and retired from Amcore in 2011, where she was known for her warm smile, friendly conversation, and genuine care for the people she served. She was a faithful member of the First United Methodist Church, participating in the Bell Choir for more than 30 years and teaching Sunday school for several years, quietly shaping the lives of many through her kindness and faith.

Family was at the heart of Ruth Ann's life. She treasured time spent with her grandchildren and found joy in life's simple pleasures-reading, taking walks, going on bus trips, collecting bells, salt and pepper shakers and Elvis

memorabilia, traveling, and sharing time with friends. A daily ritual she never missed was her lunch break, spent watching her favorite soap opera, One Life to Live.

Survived by two daughters Kathy (Darrell Fuchs) Humphreys of Princeville, IL and Susan (Mark)Johnson of Tiskilwa, IL.; one son Kenny (Jessica Rockey) Wright of Pekin, IL; grandchildren Nicholas (Christina) Humphreys of Chillicothe, IL, Ali (Eric) Featherstone of Chillicothe, IL, Alec Johnson of Marseilles, IL and Arik Johnson of Princeton, IL; one great grandson Noah Humphreys.

Ruth Ann was preceded in death by her parents; William and Verda Giesenhagen, husband Francis Wright, and one brother, Robert Giesenhagen.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Friends of Strays, reflecting her compassionate spirit.

A visitation will be held on Friday, February 6, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Norberg Memorial Home Inc. & Monuments.

Funeral services will follow at 12:00 p.m., with Pastor Michael Hickok officiating at Norberg Memorial Home, Inc. & Monuments

Graveside services to follow at Elm Lawn Cemetery, where Pastor Hickok will offer words of comfort.

Ruth Ann will be remembered for her gentle heart, unwavering faith, and the love she freely gave to all who knew her.

Online condolences may be directed to www.norbergfh.com

Arrangements by Norberg Memorial Home, Inc. & Monuments.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 6. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Norberg Memorial Home, Inc.
701 E. Thompson Street
Princeton, IL 61356

Funeral Service

FEB 6. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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Graveside Service

FEB 6. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

Elm Lawn Memorial Park
North Knox Street
Princeton, IL 61356

Tribute Wall

BB

“ My deepest sympathy to Ruth Ann and Junior’s family. Ruth Ann and I were classmates at PHS Class of 1963 and close friends for very many years. I wrote her often during her stay at Liberty. God bless all of you.

Barbie Swanson Boesch, South Carolina

Barbie Swanson Boesch - February 15 at 06:53 PM

LD

“ Love, Jerred and Diana Davis purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Ruth Ann Wright.



Love, Jerred and Diana Davis - February 05 at 10:40 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ruth Ann Wright.



February 05 at 02:50 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ruth Ann Wright.



February 04 at 12:55 PM

TR

“ *The Reiners planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ruth Ann Wright.*

The Reiners - February 04 at 12:55 PM

SK

“ *Sorry to hear of Ruth Ann's death. I was in the class of '63 with her and always appreciated her friendly smile and sense of humor.*

Sarah Knapp - February 04 at 12:10 PM