



## Ruth A. Carpenter

February 9, 1932 - March 9, 2025

Ruth Anna Carpenter, a lifelong resident of Centralia, IL, passed away peacefully on Sunday, March 9, 2025, at the age of 93. Ruth was born on Tuesday, February 9, 1932 to Harry Hulsopple and Bessie Marie.

She is survived by her loving son, Bill Carpenter of Houston, TX; her granddaughter, Melynda Breeze and husband Adam of Mt. Vernon; and her cherished grandchildren, AJ Breeze, Anna Breeze, and Brooks Breeze. Ruth also leaves behind several dear cousins.

Ruth was preceded in death by her parents, Jim Mahaney and Bessie Marie , her beloved daughter Bess Wesling, and son-in-law Bud Wesling.

Following a fulfilling career, Ruth retired from Murray's Center and had previously worked at Miss Elaine's. Her dedication extended beyond her professional life as she was an active member of the Red Hat Society and the Lioness Club. Ruth had a giving spirit, which she demonstrated through her volunteer work as a Pink Lady at St. Mary's Hospital in Centralia. Her faith was a cornerstone of her life, and she was a committed member of the St. Peters United Church of Christ.

Friends and family are invited to celebrate Ruth's life at a funeral service on Thursday, March 13, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral

Home. Visitation will be held an hour prior, from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. at the same location.

In memory of Ruth, memorial donations may be made to the Rome Grade School Foundation and will be accepted by the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home at 235 North Sycamore St. in Centralia, IL 62801 (618) 532-3523, who is honored to be of service to the Carpenter family. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting [www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com](http://www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com) and on the Funeral Home's Facebook page.

Ruth's warmth, humor, and kindness will be deeply missed by all who knew her. Her legacy of love and service will continue to inspire those she leaves behind.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 13. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM.

Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home

## Funeral Service

MAR 13. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM.

Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home

# Tribute Wall



“ *Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Ruth A. Carpenter*



**Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services** - March 12, 2025 at 09:44 AM

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“ *Ruth was a pleasure to not only work with but a pleasure to be around and made a positive difference to those she served.*

**William Irwin** - March 11, 2025 at 09:05 PM

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“ *Malinda & family,  
Sorry for your loss. Condolences & sympathy to all of you.  
Sincerely,  
Donna(Roper- Queen) & Allen Wooters*



**Donna Wooters** - March 11, 2025 at 05:24 PM