



## Ruth Holloway

September 17, 1947 - March 16, 2021

Ruth Holloway, 73, of Centralia, passed away Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at SSM Health St. Mary's Hospital in Centralia.

She was born September 17, 1947 in Centralia, the daughter of Michael Zborek and Betty (Huene) Zborek. She married Gary Holloway and he preceded her in death in 1984.

Ruth is survived by her two sons: Chris Holloway and Minga Fontaine of Centralia and Michael Holloway of Centralia; four grandchildren: Covan Bergersen, Zoe Holloway, Elin Fontaine and Mikah Fontaine; a niece: Rhonda Colbert of South Carolina; the Bryan Family of Indiana; best friend: Linda Lehner of Chattanooga, TN; and her ICU Family.

She was preceded in death by her parents: Michael and Betty Zborek, husband: Gary Holloway, and a brother: Ronald Zborek.

Ruth was a graduate of the Centralia High School Class of 1965 and she always looked forward to help plan and attend her class reunions. She achieved a Bachelor Degree in Nursing from Saint Louis University, she worked as a Registered Nurse for 42 years, and for the majority she worked in the ICU at St. Mary's Hospital in Centralia.

Ruth was a member of St. Mary Church in Centralia, where she sang in the Choir and attended a Bible Class. She enjoyed reading and was a member of several book clubs. She enjoyed traveling and going on Bus trips. Most of all, Ruth loved spending time with her sons, grandchildren, family and her many dear friends.

Per Ruth's wishes, cremation rites will be accorded and no public services will be held. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Ruth's honor to St. Mary School and St. Mary Church and will be accepted by the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home at 235 North Sycamore Street in Centralia, IL 62801 (618) 532-3523, who is honored to be of service to the Holloway family. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting [www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com](http://www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com) or the Funeral Home's Facebook page.

# Tribute Wall

RC

“ Ruth was the reason I wanted to be a nurse. Although I never made it I did become a Surgical Technician. We could always take about the medical business for hours. I'll miss her laughs and her smiles. It hurt to know she was battling cancer for the 3rd time. Now she testing peacefully with Gary, her Mom and Dad as well as her brother Ron. Chris, Mike and me Rhonda are the last of this Zborek clan. It's nice to know she's in no pain and is at peace. She will be missed more than she could ever imagine. Ruth, hug everyone for me. Love you and I'll forever miss your smile.  
Rhonda

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**Rhonda Colbert** - May 13, 2021 at 03:16 AM

MW

“ I was very sorry to hear of Ruth's passing. She was a very nice person. Her parents and mine were good friends. And Ruth and I were friends. I always enjoyed talking to her and will have many fond memories.

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**Mike Warden** - March 22, 2021 at 09:39 PM

SH

“ I am a member of the CTHS Class of '65. Ruth was such a friendly person and a skilled nurse. She is missed by all who were lucky enough to know her.

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**Susan Cofer Heiden** - March 22, 2021 at 03:49 PM

KD

“ So sorry to hear about your Mom. I first met Ruth while working together at SMH. After she retired we remained friends in the church choir. She was a great person and will be sorely missed by her church family. God bless Ruth and hold her in His hands.

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**Kathy Dagg** - March 21, 2021 at 10:06 PM

 Karen Campbell

“ I was an RN at SMH and worked with Ruth for many years. She was a very caring and knowledgeable nurse. I am so sorry to hear of her passing. My condolences to her two sons and other family. May she rest in peace. Karen Campbell

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**Karen Campbell** - March 20, 2021 at 09:07 PM

MS

“ Ruth was always so sweet, kind, and compassionate with a smile always on her pretty face. We will all miss her, especially at our class reunion this summer. Prayers, condolences, and love to Chris, Michael, and families. Marcia Besant Spurgeon

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**Marcia Besant Spurgeon** - March 20, 2021 at 12:11 PM

KP

“ Ruth will be missed by so many. She was a sweetheart. I will miss her at our reunion in June. She & I would sit together to greet our classmates, as they came in. To you boys, you were her sunshine ☀️

She loved her grandkids. We swapped stories of them at our BOB' lunches. I remember when Zoey was born. She was so proud. She loved Zoey's brother, just as she did her. I don't know if you boys remember me. I have met you both a couple of times. You may remember, when you were little boys, you came to our house in CC for a swim party & cookout. Rest easy, you were good sons and she loved you. Fly high, Ruth. You are free!

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**Karen Petrea** - March 19, 2021 at 11:04 PM

MB

“ Chris & Michael & families; I was in your mom's CTHS graduating class in 1965. I tell you this because our class IS wonderful. So many of us still feel so close. I felt that way about Ruth. She was a wonderful friend!!! She had a magnificent personality & I loved to laugh with her. You know how compassionate she was; being a nurse for sooooo long! She loved both of you and was very proud of you!!! I will miss her at our lunches, reunions and as I go shopping. I will have great memories of this wonderful lady, you call mom ❤️

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**Majo (Ann Morris) Bates** - March 19, 2021 at 10:31 PM

BF

“ God bless you Ruth. The CTHD Class of 65 sends prayers, condolences and love to you and your family.

On a personal note. I will never forget the kindness you showed my parents before they passed. May God bless you and comfort your family at this sad time. You will always be a part of us.

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**Bob Fester** - March 19, 2021 at 10:26 PM

KR

“ We are so saddened by the news of Ruth passing. She was a wonderful woman. Her kindness made her sparkle. She was the best grandmother and a super Mom She will be missed dearly. So glad I got to spend time with her and her family  
Xoxo  
David and Kristen Reker

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**Kristen Reker** - March 19, 2021 at 05:33 PM

EW

“ I'm so sorry to hear about Ruth. We barely knew each other, and yet, whenever I saw her, she was a ray of sunshine. She'd greet me with the friendliest smile and treat me like an old friend. I hope that your memories of her will help you heal.

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**Eileen Wilimzig** - March 19, 2021 at 09:23 AM

PB

“ I am so sad to hear about Ruth. She was a sweetheart. I loved being with her in choir. She was kind to everyone and was an excellent nurse. She will be missed so much. She was easy to talk to and was so understanding. She was a very special human being. I am so glad that I knew her.

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**Pamela Balsano** - March 18, 2021 at 11:27 PM

RA

“ Ruth was the nicest lady, always kind and a great nurse. She will be missed at St. Mary



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**Rene' Aydt** - March 18, 2021 at 11:23 PM

MW

“ I am so sorry to hear of Ruth’s passing. I have many fond memories of her. My love and thoughts to Chris and Michael.



Michelle Willems - March 18, 2021 at 08:54 PM

GV

“ So sorry for your loss. Ruth was a wonderful person. I know her from working at the hospital although I never worked on her floor. Also was her every Tuesday and Thursday at the pool. We will greatly miss her. Glenda Vaughn

Glenda Vaughn - March 18, 2021 at 08:18 PM

MF

She loved her swimming pool time!

Minga Fontaine - March 18, 2021 at 10:43 PM

MH

“ I went all through grade and high school with Ruth. I remember her mother and brother and how close she always was to her family. Ruth was always a good girl. Sweet and kind to others. There is no doubt in my mind where her soul is today. No more suffering. She is free of pain and rejoicing in God’s glory and reunited with her husband and the rest of her family. Her joy here on earth was her precious boys and their children as her face would beam when she spoke of them. My deepest sympathy to all of you that are left behind.

Mary Jane Hardy - March 18, 2021 at 08:11 PM

SH

“ I knew Ruth for many years. I also worked with her mom Betty Z. @ Miss Elaines. Wonderful people.



Sue Hohman - March 18, 2021 at 07:11 PM

MF

“ Minga Fontaine lit a candle in memory of Ruth Holloway



Minga Fontaine - March 18, 2021 at 04:25 PM

TM

“ Christopher and Michael, I'm so sorry to hear of Ruth's passing. She died the day after my father this week. I've know your mother from St. Mary Church since you boys were in school. We attended bible study and sang in the choir together for years. She will be missed. God bless you both.

Tammy (Holtkamp) Miller - March 18, 2021 at 01:18 PM

CM

“ We played dolls kick the can and hide and seek when we were little. Then we worked together in ICU at St Mary's. Such a good nurse wonderful roll model . After we retired we would see each other in Walmart and catch up on everything. I'll miss her.

Charlotte Peoples Morgan - March 18, 2021 at 12:37 PM

BG

“ Ruth was a wonderful lady, nurse, educator, neighbor and friend. From the first time I ever worked with her as a brand new nurse I admired her, looked up to her and valued her insight. She had a heart of gold and a perfect sense of humor. So sorry to hear of her passing.

Brandy Green - March 18, 2021 at 01:37 AM

MH

“ Ruth’s warm smile and friendly spirit will be greatly missed.

Marsha Heustis

Marsha Heustis - March 17, 2021 at 11:36 PM



“ So sorry to hear this. Ruth took great care of my family in the ICU at St. Mary's. She was so kind and such a wonderful lady.

Jim Ford - March 17, 2021 at 11:21 PM

KG

“ Koki Gephart lit a candle in memory of Ruth Holloway



Koki Gephart - March 17, 2021 at 10:22 PM

LT

“ She was a wonderful lady. So sorry for your loss 🙏

LeAnn Tracy - March 17, 2021 at 09:01 PM