



Mrs. Ruth Cole

April 9, 1936 - March 3, 2022

Mrs. Ruth Marie Cole, 85, of Henderson, passed from this life on March 3, 2022, at Autumn Leaves Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Henderson. Ruth had lived in Henderson since 2020. Ruth's December 2021 "Letter to Santa" was featured in the Henderson Daily News article "Yes Ruth, there is a Santa Claus". The generosity of the staff of the Henderson Daily News made Ruth's last Christmas the best.

Ruth was born Ruth Marie Peffley on April 9, 1936, in Advance, Indiana to the late Frank and Ida (Plasters) Peffley. In addition to Ruth, their union produced three more children; sons Robert, Freddie Lee, and Julius. Sadly, their marriage ended in divorce. Ida later married Julius "Jay" Volbrecht. To this union were born two children; a son, Thomas, and a daughter, Nancy. Both of Ruth's parents, and two brothers, Robert and Freddie, preceded her in death. Ruth is survived by her brothers Julius Peffley and wife Linda of Jeffersonville, Indiana, and Thomas Volbrecht and wife Wanda of Lebanon, Indiana; and sister Nancy Tomkins and husband Robert of Knoxville, Tennessee. Ruth spoke often of her brothers, and her sister, and though she lost touch with some of them, she never forgot them, or stopped loving them.

In 1954 she married her first love, Orval L. Carney. To their union were born six children: Orval Jr., Richard, Mark, Michael, Carol, and Thomas. Husband Orval Sr., and sons Richard and Michael preceded her in death. Ruth is

survived by her sons Orval L. Carney Jr. of Henderson, Mark Carney and wife Diana of Henderson, Thomas Carney of Denver, Colorado, and daughter Carol Pannell and husband Dale of Gordonville, Texas. In addition to them she was blessed with seven grandchildren; Lee, James, Charlene, Ruth, Dawn, Marilyn, and Melissa, thirteen great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews

Ruth married two more times. She met and married James Hickman in 1980, but the marriage ended with his death in 1984. Widowed a second time, Ruth focused on her family and her work. In 1986 she fell in love with a longtime friend, Charles Cole. Their marriage resulted in fifteen relatively happy years. Sadly, in 2001 Charles died. The heart that loved three husbands and a house full of children was finally broken, and Ruth vowed she would not marry again. Ruth never got over losing Charles, and in her final years she expressed her wish to be reunited with him. God granted that wish, and Ruth joined Charles in the presence of the Lord on March 3, 2022.

Ruth worked hard for most of her life. It was not an easy life, but she never complained of being poor, or of having a large family. And while her focus was on caring for her family, Ruth was always willing to help her friends and neighbors. Because Ruth loved, she was loved. Because she was a friend, she was surrounded by friends. Because she was a devoted mother, every child she encountered was treated as one of her children. Her steadfast loyalty and devotion to all of her children - natural and "adopted" - was rewarded, because everyone called her "Mom".

This was the Ruth Cole that we all knew and loved, and we who are her children will remember her. Our Mom showed her love for life in everything she did. She tried to treat everyone with love and respect. Ruth departed this life surrounded by the love of her family, and she entered into her New Life surrounded by the Love of God.

Celebration of life services are pending with Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home of Henderson.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at www.crawfordacrim.com.

Tribute Wall

LB

“ *Ruth Cole who i always called "mom" was like a second mother to me. I loved her so much! RIP "mom".*

Linda Bradshaw - July 08, 2022 at 07:40 PM



“ *Orval Carney lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Cole*



Orval Carney - April 03, 2022 at 07:45 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Mark Carney - March 31, 2022 at 12:33 AM

JP

“ *Ruth was one of the best sister anyone could have. We called each other and wrote letters. She always called me "little brother" and I called her "big Sis". We talked about growing up being brother/sister, always fun to remember being kids. My sister was a great person that I will never forget.*

Julius Peffley - March 19, 2022 at 01:31 AM



Mom loved and respected you and Aunt Linda. Thanks for always being there for her.

Mark Carney - March 20, 2022 at 10:24 AM



Ruth Cole was one of the best grandmother you could have. SHE was persistent over coming in life no matter what she walked the halls and exercising

Orval Carney - April 03, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *Misty Copeland (Autumn Leaves) lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Cole*



Misty Copeland (Autumn Leaves) - March 17, 2022 at 11:46 AM



Thanks Misty!

Mark Carney - March 18, 2022 at 09:12 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Mark Carney - March 16, 2022 at 01:19 PM

JP

*Hey Mark,
My husband Matthew was her Nurse while he was at Autumn Leaves.
He just received the news about her and your brother. We saw the date for Orval's, but can not find a date for a Memorial for your mother.
Would you message me or Matthew Parsons on Facebook please?
She was a wonderful soul and our family would like to pay our respects and give our deepest condolences. We loved her very much as well.*

Jessica Parsons - May 16, 2022 at 08:00 PM



“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Mark Carney - March 15, 2022 at 03:19 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Ruth's Photo Album



Mark Carney - March 15, 2022 at 01:43 PM

MA

“ *After being lost for so many years, Aunt Ruth and I spoke a lot over these last few years, speaking of her brother, my dad, Robert Peffley, and her family growing up. Got to know her and love her very much. Will always remember her laugh and her tears, and kind words, as we spoke over the phone, and learning of her family too. Love always, Marcia Kay Peffley-Reed.*

Marcia - March 15, 2022 at 08:48 AM



Thanks Marcia. Mom was very fond of you. After Uncle Bob passed away, she was so sad. I'm glad that you had such a good relationship with her.

Mark Carney - March 15, 2022 at 05:49 PM

SH

“ I met Ruth when she became my Mother's roommate in February, 2019 at Nolan Nursing Home in Sweetwater. We became good friends. I will miss her sense of humor and the love she showed friends and family. I am secure in knowing she is in Heaven and we will meet again. Love and prayers to her family whom she loved with her whole heart.

Suzan Hughes-Kennedy - March 12, 2022 at 10:12 AM

MC

Thanks Susan. Mom loved you and your sister. I will always be grateful for your kindness and generosity.

Mark Carney - March 14, 2022 at 03:03 PM

MC

Thank You!

Mark Carney - March 14, 2022 at 03:04 PM

MA

“ Mary & Judy Ann lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Cole



Mary & Judy Ann - March 11, 2022 at 10:23 AM



Thanks!

Mark Carney - March 15, 2022 at 08:15 PM

ER

“ *I miss you so much.*

*Love you always,
Your adopted daughter*



Erin - March 07, 2022 at 09:21 PM



Thanks Erin. You held a special place in my mother's heart.

Mark Carney - March 10, 2022 at 05:35 PM

BE

“ *Buddy And Dianne Everitt lit a candle in
memory of Mrs. Ruth Cole*



Buddy and Dianne Everitt - March 04, 2022 at 01:12 PM



Thank You!

Mark Carney - March 10, 2022 at 05:36 PM