



Ruth Thomson Holtsclaw

June 4, 1922 - February 1, 2017

Ruth Thomson Holtsclaw was born on June 4, 1922 to William Curtis and Mamie Lawrence Thompson {sic} in Bloomfield, Indiana. She was preceded in death by her husband, Earnest “Bennie” Holtsclaw in 2004, and her parents. She leaves behind a son, Earnest Leroy Holtsclaw (Athens, IL) and grandsons James Curtis (Danville, IN) and Robert (Athens, IL). With assistance from her dear friend and neighbor, Blake Hutchison, Ruth was able to stay in her home near Ridgeport in her later years.

Ruth grew up on an 80-acre farm in Center Township, Greene County, Indiana. She attended the Bodwell School, Combs School, Eastern High School, then graduated from Bloomfield High School in 1941.

On a beautiful day in May, Ruth Thomson held hands with Bennie Holtsclaw as they walked across the Viaduct. This first date led to marriage in August 1942 and the birth of a son in the following year. When Bennie was drafted into the Army in 1943, Ruth and her young son stayed with her mother on Persimmon Ridge in Bloomfield. Bennie returned to the farm in 1945 and Ruth helped out with the chickens, livestock, garden, firewood, and other farm duties. While Ruth enjoyed sewing and being a mother and wife, she was also an Inspector for Sarkes Tarzian for 13 years leaving this job in 1972.

Known as a great cook and baker, Ruth was active in the Park Community and baked pies and angel food cakes for many friends in later years. She attended the Walnut Grove Church of God.

Now Ruth Thomson Holtsclaw joins her parents, her beloved husband, and

dear friends who have gone before her.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2:00 p.m. on Monday at Walnut Grove Church of God in Bloomfield, with Rev. Ron Sutherlin officiating. Interment will be in Walnut Grove Cemetery.

Online condolences are available at www.jenkinsfuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Walnut Grove Cemetery

Walnut Grove Road
1458 S. Walnut Grove Road
Bloomfield, IN 47424

Tribute Wall

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“ Ruth and I go back all the way to grade school at Bodwell School and over the years we have been great friends. She always kept me supplied with persimmons every year that I shared with my family. Because of her we were able to make some great persimmon puddings. I will truly miss her and her kindness. --Wanda Groves Taylor

Wanda Groves Taylor - February 04, 2017 at 02:57 PM

SB

“ So very sorry to hear of Ruth's passing. She was a lovely lady and a dear friend to my parents Vernal & Margaret Snyder. She always called when the persimmons were ripe and Mom & Dad frequently went to visit. She and Dad grew up together in Bloomfield and we have class pictures of them in school. Please know we are thinking of you. Ruth brought us a lovely cake when Mom passed away. It was much appreciated. Susie (Snyder) Belts

Susan(Snyder) Belts - February 04, 2017 at 02:10 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ruth Thomson Holtsclaw.



February 04, 2017 at 10:59 AM

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“Ruth and her parents were great and life-long friends of my parents, Ralph and Blanche Sylvester. I have many pictures of Ruth and my two older brothers together as the two families did many activities together. Ruth and my brothers attended Combs School together until my family moved back to Monroe County. When I was born, I was named for Ruth's father, Curtis. After my birth, he gave my mother a huge brass safety pin as a "birth gift." I remember many visits to the homes of both Ruth and her parents including the annual trip to pick up persimmons. My wife and I have a quilt handmade by Ruth's mother, Mamie. Over the years, My family was with Ruth's family the day my oldest brother was killed in World War II. Of course, it was several more days before the telegram arrived telling of his death. I have picture of Leroy and I playing in his wagon that day. Over the years, I have continued to visit Ruth each year. I have written several genealogical books and Ruth was very helpful in supplying me with information. We exchanged Christmas cards each year. Ruth always included a handwritten letter which always included praises for her very helpful and supportive neighbor. She was so thankful that he assisted her in remaining in her home. Also, always notes about her loving pet. When her card did not arrive this year, I felt that she must not be doing well. I had hoped to be visiting in Bloomington in February and check on her. She was a lovely lady and will be missed.



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Curtis R. Sylvester - February 03, 2017 at 07:06 AM

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“ Jackie, Miles, Hannah, and Olivia Hutchison purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Ruth Thomson Holtsclaw.



Jackie, Miles, Hannah, and Olivia Hutchison - February 02, 2017 at 06:42 PM

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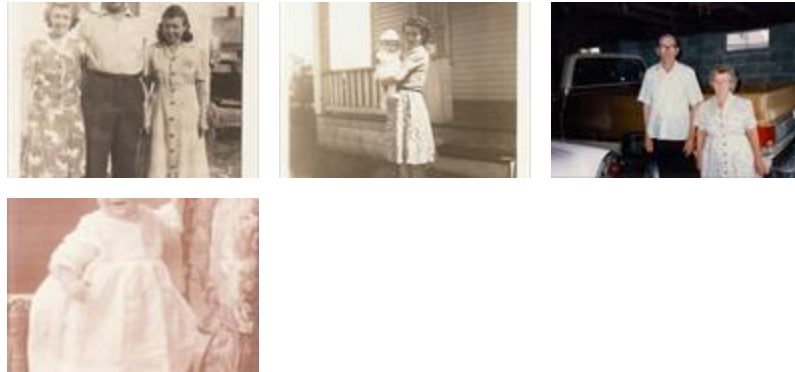
“ The Eastern Greene Schools Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ruth Thomson Holtsclaw.



The Eastern Greene Schools Family - February 02, 2017 at 04:26 PM

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Jim Holtsclaw - February 02, 2017 at 11:44 AM

JH

*Dear Holtsclaw family,
I am so sorry for your loss. Ruth was an amazing woman. She was a master baker, master gardner, and master seamstress. I learned so much about the woods, animals, and nature from her. She loved to tell memories and stories of her husband, son, grandsons, and grand children. Although, I am saddened, I am glad she has gone home to be with Bennie. He was truly the love of her life. Thinking of you all and sending love.*

*Always,
Jackie Hutchison*

jackie Hutchison - February 02, 2017 at 01:32 PM

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*Dearest Holtsclaw Family,
I am so saddened by your loss, but yet so at peace with the fact that Ruth gets to be with her beloved Bennie and suffer no more. I never met Bennie, except through the stories from Ruth. He must have been a great man as she loved him so!*

I am so grateful for the friendship I formed with Ruth. What a wonderful woman, full of life and spunk. I so enjoyed my time with her. I also enjoyed the cherry pies she made for me and would drop off to me at work. What a great cook! I am so thankful that I got to spend some time with her this past Monday morning. We talked, laughed, held hands, and I got to tell her I loved her one last time. She will forever hold a place in my heart.

*Prayers to you all in this time of loss.
Sandi Yoho*

Sandi Yoho - February 03, 2017 at 03:13 PM



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Lester Jenkins and Sons Funeral Home Inc. - February 02, 2017 at 08:07 AM