



Ruth A. Mainland

March 7, 1933 - July 20, 2023

Ruth A. (nee: Melter) Mainland, 90, passed away at home on Thursday, July 20, 2023.

Ruth was born on March 7, 1933 to Michael and Hildegarde (nee: Kosche) Melter. She was united in marriage to Donald Mainland at Atonement Lutheran Church on June 7, 1953. Ruth was a graduate of Washington Park High School. She was a longtime member of First Baptist Church in Oak Creek.

In her free time, Ruth loved spending time in her garden. She also loved spending time with her family, fishing, and being around animals. Ruth was a woman of unshakable faith, witnessing whenever she could.

She will be missed by her husband, Donald; children, Michael (Geri) Mainland, Mary (Peter) Lovdahl, Jeffrey (Rebecca Pettit) Mainland, and Lisa (Keith) Medendorp; 12 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; nephews, family members, and friends.

Ruth goes on to be reunited with her sister, Betty Dewey; parents, Michael and Hildegard Melter; and stepmother, Florence Melter.

A funeral service will be held on Tuesday, July 25, 2023 at Sturino Funeral Home at 12 noon. Visitation will be held from 10:30 a.m. until the time of service. Private burial will be held at West Lawn Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to First Baptist Church in Oak Creek.

The family would like to extend a special and heartfelt thanks to Lisa RN and

Katie of Aurora Hospice for their loving and compassionate care of Ruth and her family, and to Nancy and Rebecca for your loving care.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **25**. 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Sturino Funeral Home
3014 Northwestern Avenue
Racine, WI 53404
(262) 632-4479
info@sturinofuneralhome.com

Funeral Service

JUL **25**. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Sturino Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ruth A. Mainland*



Sturino Funeral Home - July 24, 2023 at 07:33 PM

SG

Don & family...my deepest sympathies for your great loss! My thoughts and prayers are being sent during this difficult time!

Sherry Goldsworthy

Surprise, AZ

(Goldie's daughter)

P.S. Wonderful pictures of Ruth and entire family! 🙏🙏💕

Sherry Degerman Goldsworthy - August 22, 2023 at 05:01 PM

JO

“ *She was my aunt. She and I always got along so well. I really wish her. She was very special.*

James Andrew Overson - October 17, 2025 at 02:51 PM



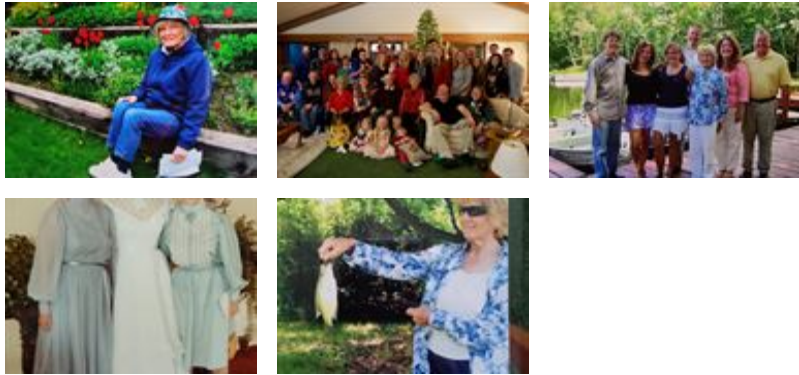
“ *Bill and I were so sad to hear of Ruth's passing. The tribute video was a beautiful remembrance of her very full life - her flowers, her fishing, her cats - and the amazing family she leaves behind. She was so gracious and so much the heart of the Mainland family, always with a smile on her face. Our love and prayers to Don, Jeff, Sean and everyone in the "Kolar" family at this sad time.*

Bill and Louise (Kolar) Terry

Louise K. Terry - July 25, 2023 at 08:13 AM



“ *94 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Sturino Funeral Home - July 24, 2023 at 07:31 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ruth A. Mainland.*



July 24, 2023 at 01:18 PM

JN

“ Jeff, Our deepest sympathies to your family, at this sad time. David & Judie Nielsen.

Judie Nielsen - July 23, 2023 at 08:11 PM

BC

“ Bob & Leah Conner purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ruth A. Mainland.



Bob & Leah Conner - July 23, 2023 at 01:48 PM

DJ

“ Such a wonderful woman, who adopted me as their Redheaded kid. Known family since I was a little girl and went to school with Mary. Through the years she loved her gardening and kept the flowers/shrubs up at our workplace. But she never left without a hello or goodbye hug. Her smile, her laughter and the kindness she shared will be a memory that will stay in my heart forever. One fantastic lady who will be truly missed by all. God speed Mom and enjoy the biggest garden in the heavens. You will be one busy gardener. ❤️❤️❤️❤️



Dawn Johnson - July 23, 2023 at 11:56 AM

RH

“ *My Sincere Sympathies to the whole family. Ruth was so kind, always welcoming and easy to talk with. She and Don were so supportive of our 4-H photography group to come and photo their beautiful gardens. We had our family photo's taken in the gardens which were beautiful. Such a Loving person. I will miss her so much. Sending our Prayers, Love and Hugs. RIP Beautiful Lady .*

Ruth Hoffmann - July 23, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Ruth A. Mainland.*



July 22, 2023 at 04:23 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ruth A. Mainland.*

July 22, 2023 at 04:23 PM