



Ruth E. Wallace

November 16, 1924 - November 1, 2012

Ruth E. (Dustman) Wallace passed away on November 1, 2012 at the Elizabeth Scott Community under the care of Hospice of Northwest Ohio. She was born November 24, 1924 in Lynn Grove, Indiana into the family of Earl L. and Nellie M. (Cooper) Dustman. After living and attending school in several other states, Ruth attended all four years and graduated from Van Wert, Ohio High School in 1942.

She married Gerald R. (Whitey) Wallace on February 24, 1944 just days before he left for service in the European Theater of World War II. Upon Sgt. Wallace's return they began their residence in Maumee and together raised their family of four children. They were married for twenty-seven years.

After Gerald's death in 1973, Ruth became a bookkeeper at Lucas County Recreation Center, retiring in 1990. Retirement gave her the opportunity to enjoy her passion of genealogical research. She was a lifetime member of the Ohio Genealogical Society and also the Van Wert and Fairfield County Chapters. She was able to qualify twenty-two family lines for Pioneer Family status of Van Wert County, Ohio.

Ruth was preceded in death by her parents, three siblings, her husband and oldest daughter, Susan E. (Wallace) Newcomer. She leaves a loving family to mourn her loss; son, Richard E. (Joy) Wallace of Miami, FL; daughters, Julie A. (Donald) Howard of Sturgis, MI and Deborah Ellen Wallace of Alexandria, VA; eight grandchildren and nineteen great-grandchildren.

Family and friends may visit at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds

Rd., Toledo, OH 43614, on Tuesday from 9:30-11:00 a.m. Graveside services to follow at Ottawa Hills Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, tributes are requested to Hospice of Northwest Ohio. Please view and sign our online "guest registry" at CoyleFuneralHome.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Ruth E. Wallace.*



November 05, 2012 at 06:45 AM



“ *Ruth Esther was such a special person...my mother, Alice Bowers, was a cousin of hers. A couple of years ago my husband and I called on her at her home...yes, we caught up on much family genealogy!! Unable to be there on Tuesday. May all your good memories carry you through this sorrowful time.*

Dolores Ferguson, Fayette OH

Dolores (Dee) Ferguson - November 04, 2012 at 08:04 PM



“ *So sorry to read of Ruth's passing. The field of genealogy has lost an avid enthusiast and a very nice lady who was more than willing to share interesting bits of family lore and listen to yours! I smile when I think about her. She should be able to fill in all of the blank lines and get all her questions answered now. God Bless Her!*

Joy McCleery, Van Wert OH - November 03, 2012 at 11:50 AM