



Emma Ruth Kunkle Loughner

October 12, 1922 - January 26, 2019

Emma Ruth (Kunkle) Loughner, 96, of Irwin and a resident of Redstone Highlands, Greensburg, passed peacefully from this life Saturday January 26, 2019. She was born October 12, 1922 in Irwin. She was the last of an incredible family of siblings that were all inspired and nurtured by their parents the late A.P. and Grace (DeFrance) Kunkle. She was also preceded in death by her husband Wayne “JoJo” Loughner, a devoted daughter Ruthie G. Diffenderfer, siblings Julia (the late Lou) Menchio, Grace (the late Mac) McEndarfer, Jeanne (the late Paul) Bair, Carl (the late Sal) Kunkle, and William A. (the late Ann) Kunkle; and nieces and nephews Donald (Louise) Painter, John (Alexandra) Kunkle, James Kunkle, and Mary Anne Kunkle (Skip) Leon. Ruth graduated from Norwin High School, class of 1940 and went to work as a secretary for Alcoa in Pittsburgh. Ruth was a member of First Presbyterian Church, Irwin since 1937, where she served as an elder, sang in the choir, was a member of the Women’s Association, and a member of multiple bible study groups. She also volunteered a great deal of her time to the Norwin Public Library, Redstone Highlands gift shop, and Meals On Wheels. She was 96 years young and always expressed a youthful exuberance. She was also genuinely interested in everything everyone was doing and was a joy to be around, as were each of her brothers and sisters. She is survived by her son Joe Loughner of Tulsa, OK; son in law Dennis R. Diffenderfer of North Huntingdon; a granddaughter Julie (Adam) Armel of Moon Township; her great granddaughter Ivy Grace Armel; and grandson

David Diffenderfer (Lauren Skundrich) of Jeannette. She is also survived by the following nieces and nephews, Daryl Gilder of Rawley, MA, Edward (Ann) McEnderfer of Bloomington, IN, William (Jan) Kunkle of Camillus, NY, Richard (Denise) Kunkle of Brighton, MI, Puran (Susanna) Bair of Tucson, AZ, Polly (Frank) Babik of North Huntingdon, and Paul (Chelsea) Bair of Tucson, AZ. Friends will be received from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday at the William Snyder Funeral Home, 521 Main Street, Irwin, 724-863-1200. A funeral service will be held at 1:30 p.m. Friday in First Presbyterian Church with Dr. Ronald H. Wakeman, officiating. Interment will follow in Union Cemetery. In lieu of flowers the family suggests a contribution to the Norwin Public Library, 100 Caruthers Lane, Irwin, PA 15642, or Redstone Highlands Benevolent Fund, c/o Lisa Dormire, 3 Garden Center Drive, Greensburg, PA 15601. The family would like to thank Redstone Highlands for their professional, conscientious, and caring support while Ruth was a resident of their Greensburg facility. For online condolences please visit www.snyderfuneralservices.com.

Cemetery Details

Irwin Union Cemetery

431 Bridge St
Irwin, PA 15642

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 1. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

William Snyder Funeral Home, Inc.
521 Main Street
Irwin, PA 15642
(724) 863-1200
[https://williamsnyderfuneralhome.com/](https://williamsnyderfuneralhome/)

Tribute Wall



“ *Emma Ruth Kunkle Loughner*

October 07, 2023 at 10:37 AM



“ *Emma Ruth Kunkle Loughner*

August 23, 2022 at 04:00 PM



“ *My favorite memory of Ruth is her AWESOME dance moves at Julie's baby shower. I don't remember ever seeing her without a smile on her face. Grandma's are so very special. Ruth's legacy lives on in her family and especially Julie and Ivy, whom each shares her positive and contagious energy and zest for life.*

Melinda - March 25, 2019 at 12:09 PM



“ *My grandmother was a kind, loving, and spirited woman. She always had a smile on her face and would always be humming a tune or singing a song. She would walk with a skip/ bounce in her step that matched her overall attitude. Grandma was the last of the 6 sibling Kunkle clan. They all loved each other so much and to this day the offspring of these siblings still refer to each other as 'the cousins.' My Grandmother used to cook pork and sauerkraut for all family & friends on New Years Day! I have so many wonderful memories with this woman ❤️, "Sometimes you will never know the value of a moment until it becomes a memory." We will miss you Grandma, till we meet again. Luv you, Julz, Adam, & Ivy*

Julie Armel - February 22, 2019 at 08:14 PM

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“ *A wonderful lady who always radiated cheer and kindness. Ruth was a friend to all and never met a stranger. She and 'JoJo' became close and personal friends during our time at the First Presbyterian Church of Irwin. We extend our love and prayers to Ruth's family and friends. Larry & Susan Dunster, SC*

Larry & Susan Dunster - February 06, 2019 at 05:14 PM



“ *Simply Chic Mixed Plant Basket was purchased for the family of Emma Ruth Kunkle Loughner.*



January 30, 2019 at 10:10 AM