



Ruthann Fadness

June 27, 1952 - February 9, 2011

Ruthann Fadness, 58, of Fort Collins, died February 9, 2011 surrounded by family and friends. Mrs. Fadness was born June 27, 1952 in Decorah, Iowa to Vernon and Mildred Vick. Ruth married Edward Fadness on August 24, 1968 in Decorah, Iowa. She worked for 28 years at Hewlett Packard as an IPO Supervisor. Ruth enjoyed spending time with friends and family. She was well known for hosting family birthday parties, Norwegian Independence Day parades, and most notably Minnesota Viking watch parties. She enjoyed camping and holiday baking with her grandchildren. Survivors include her husband, Edward; son, Eric Fadness Valerie; daughter, Hollie Mason Joe; sister, Bobbi Matthews; brothers in law, Ron Hovey, Jim Harkness; brothers, Rod Vick Donna, Don Vick Ila Greg Vick Kathy; four grandchildren, Lexi Mason, Alex Garcia, Kevin and Toni Mason. Preceding Ruth in death are her parents; sisters, Joan Hovey and Janet Harkness; niece, Adrian and nephew, Alan. A Memorial Service will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church, 301 E Stuart St. on Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. A Reception at the VFW Club of Fort Collins, 603 Lesser Dr. will immediately follow the service. A Memorial Service will also take place on February 22, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 701 Iowa Ave., Decorah, Iowa.

Tribute Wall

DG

“ Ed, I'm very sorry to hear of the pasting of Ruth. My prayers are with you and your family. God Bless.

Darryl Grauberger - March 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AV

“ Hollie, I am so sorry for the loss of your mother. I have not seen her since we were in high school, but she was a very nice and lovely woman from what I remember. You will be in my thoughts and prayers.

Antoinette Solano Valdez - March 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ So sorry to hear about my former classmate Ruth Ann. I played the organ for their wedding at Good Shepard!

Barb Stoen Dowd - February 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ To the family of Ruth Ann, I am very sorry to hear about the loss of another one of our classmates ~ and your wife, mother and grandmother. You are in my thoughts and prayers. DHS Class of 1970

Linda Lowry Bickford - February 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

FK

“ To the Family of Ruth. You lost a dear sweet lady, I worked with her at HP quite a few years and enjoyed her the whole time, she was fun to work with. So sorry to hear of your loss.

Fran A Kirby - February 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Ed, I was so saddened to hear of Ruth's passing and my heart goes out to you, my neighbor from the Flat of Decorah, while we were growing up. I heard Ruth was ill at our 40th class reunion in September 2010, Ruth was a classmate of mine and had just that, lots of class! And I have a video I made at our 25th class reunion when you helped us transport our float in the parade at Nordic Fest. May your memories comfort you and your family in this sad time, God Bless you all.

Deb Wood McKernan - February 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Ed and Family, I loved working with Ruth through the years. She is kindhearted and funny with a beautiful soul. I miss her. God Bless you and the kids. You are lucky to have her in your hearts. Jackie

Jackie Sprenger - February 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Dear Ed and Family, I read through all of the messages in this guestbook and was struck by both the breadth and depth of the impact which Ruthann had on so many people. Ed, I didn't realize that Ruth was only 16 when you guys were married, but I was also struck by the comments of your maid of honor that you guys were always best friends. What a great example for your kids and grandkids! Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with all of you.

Jim Jamie Casterton - February 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Julio Acevedo - February 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

VB

“ Ed and family, My heartfelt condolences for you and your loved ones.It's so hard to believe another friend and classmate not here with us today,but she will live on in my heart and memories.As Dr. Seuss says,"Don't cry because it's over,smile because it happened!"God bless you all,Valerie Grant Boice

Valerie Boice,Decorah,Ia. - February 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Ed and family, My deepest sympathy and prayers go out to you. Ruth truly brought a ray of sunshine to anyone she encountered. Jan Dungey

Jan Dungey - February 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ My family sends our deepest sympathys to your family and prayers for comfort and peace.

SHARI STROUP - February 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ Ed and family, our thoughts and prayers are with you. May Ruths memory hold you up in this time of grief. Tim and Dixie Hutchinson

Tim and Dixie Hutchinson - February 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Ed and family, you have our deepest sympathy, you are in our thoughts & prayers.

Barb Newhouse & Jimmy Skillings - February 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Ed and family, my thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. Ruth was a wonderful lady and I count it as a blessing to have known her. She put up with my nonsense without judgment like running in the snow. She will be missed.

Darin Matthews - February 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Jon Dahle-Melsaether - February 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LY

“ Dear Ed and Family, We were so sad to hear about Ruth. Mom and Dad always had fond memories of you both, you brought joy and smiles to their faces at the Moose more than once! We send our sincere sympathy to you all, may you hang on to cherished memories always. God Bless You All, Lois Younie John and Ruby Hess

Lois Younie - February 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ Ed and Family, May God wrap his arms around all of you during this difficult time. What a wonderful woman Ruth was, and I so enjoyed the times that I got to see you both on my visits back to Colorado. Sending thoughts and prayers to all of you. With a heavy heart
~Lisa Burns

Lisa Burns - February 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ I'm deeply saddened to hear of Ruth's passing. I worked with Ruth for almost 20 years at HP. She started working in the production area when I was the manager there and then she moved into procurement. Ruth as a very dedicated person in her work and a pure joy to be around at work. I live in Az for the winter and will be unable to attend her services. My deepest condolences to the family on her passing.

Mark Berger - February 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ My condolences go out to Ed and all of the family. Ruth was a caring and loving person who was a true star. She will be missed here on earth but will be welcomed in heaven. She will always be with us in our hearts and minds. Love you Ruth!!

Don Appleton - February 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ Ed, Just wanted to let you know you are in my thoughts and prayers. It sounds like Ruthann was a wonderful person who will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Pat Frieauf - February 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ I was very sorry to hear that Ruthann passed away. It has been over 20 years since I worked with Ruthann yet I remember her well as a fun, hardworking, and caring co-worker. She was great at using humor when things were difficult at work. I know she often made me feel better. I am very sorry about your loss. -Karyn Jarvis LeBlanc

Karyn LeBlanc - February 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ To all whom Ruthann left behind I send my most sincere sympathy. I first heard of Ruthann's illness at our class reunion this past fall. My thoughts & prayers were with her at that time and are now with all of you. Kari Rustad Anfinson

Kari Anfinson - February 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ To Ruth's family - you have my sympathy. I worked with Ruth at HP in the 80's. I shall always remember Ruth's pleasant and kind deamanor. I think that she brightened the day for everyone around her. May she rest in peace.

Rick Greer - February 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ Ed and Family, What a shock to read Ruthie's obit. She was such a sweetie. May God bless each of you and give you peace in this sad time. Betty Hutcheson and Family

Betty Hutcheson - February 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Ed, you and your family are in my prayers. Ruth was a wonderful person. She will be greatly missed by all.

shelly folkedahl - February 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ My thoughts and prayers are with all of Ruth's family. I worked with Ruth at HP many years ago. She was always so much fun and a joy to work with. My sincere sympathy goes to all of you at this sad time.

Merv Schneider - February 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Dear Fadness & Mason Families, We hope you know how very special Ruth was to our own little family. She always made Anna Sophia feel like one of her own Grandkids at Christmas and other special times. Ruth will always have a special place in our hearts. Anna Sophia spent her first Thanksgiving being held by Ruth in her living room. Our Christmas celebrations, weddings, and other special times have been made more special by the amazing woman that Ruth was to all of us. Our love and prayers go out to you all. Hugs, Tona, Jeff, and Anna Sophia Greco

Jeff, Tona, and Anna Sophia Greco - February 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CI

“ I am so saddened by the news of Ruth. I too, worked with Ruth at HP in the mid '80s. She made working with her a joy; she always had a smile and a way of making everyone around her smile and laugh. She will truly be missed. My deepest condolences to Ruth's family.

Cindy - February 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ What a loss of a great person. We loved her alot. Our prayers and sympathy. Love Bill and Bert Rumley

Roberta Rumley - February 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Ed and Family, We send our deepest sympathy to you. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Take care, Joe and Marcia Bullerman

Joe and Marcia Bullerman - February 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Ed and family we want you to know we keep you all in our prayers and close to our hearts. Great memories in the purple room. May those memories and all your family and friends help get you thru this difficult time. Lots of love Tammy and Dan

dan and tammy barth - February 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ We will miss Ruth Ann and all the fun she always brought to whatever was going on. We have so many great memories of the Fort Collins days! Our thoughts are with all of you and we know Joan, Janet and Ruth are having one heck of a party up there...the wind is really blowing so that's proof! John and Mary

Mary McLean - February 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AU

“ My heart is filled with tears and sadness over all of us losing Ruthann, she was a great friend, I have spent hours remembering all of us girls growing up together, the laughter, tears and pranks we pulled on each other, the many slumber parties. Ed, Eric and Hollie my thoughts and prayers are with you in your loss of Ruth,, she will always shine in our memories Love you all

Audrey - February 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Our deepest condolences to the entire family. Ruth was one of a kind and I'll always remember her loving nature and wonderful smile...

Scott Backer & Family - February 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM

NS

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to you at this difficult time. Our hearts are filled with all the beautiful memories of our many times shared with all your family. May God be with you and comfort you in your great loss. Ruth will be greatly missed by all. Sincerely Norma Schrandt

norma schrandt - February 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM

VR

“ I knew Ruth for several years as a co-worker at HP. I lost contact with her when we both left HP but I thought of her often. She was a great person and I have many good memories of her. My thoughts and prayers are with your family.

Vickie ramirez - February 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ What a shock to hear of Ruth's passing. I worked with her at HP several years ago she was such a neat person always smiling and laughing. My thoughts and prayers go out to her family

Juliet Chavez - February 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM

HB

“ Joan and I are sorry to hear of Ruths passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Harold and Joan Buxman - February 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

WP

“ Ed and Family, What can I say - Ruth Ann was such a special person and special friend. The 3 of us had a lot of good times together. I can still remember your wedding. I went from being maid of honor for my sister in the afternoon to being maid of honor for you guys in the evening. You and her always would tell me you were best friends - my deepest sympathy and all my prayers go out to you all. Please give the kids hugs from me and the rest of the family. Ed - lots of hugs coming your way and prayers.

Wyonne Priebe - February 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ After Glow I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one. I'd like to leave an after glow of smiles when life is done, I'd like to leave an echo whispering softly down the ways, Of happy times and laughing times and bright and summer days. I'd like the tears of those who grieve, to dry before the sun, Of happy memories that I leave When life is done. ~Helen Lowrie Marshall WE WILL MISS HER LOVING SMILE VERY MUCH. RALPH & COLLEEN

COLLEEN & RALPH - February 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM