



**Ruth Hellerud Phillips**

SPRINGFIELD, OR - Ruth Hellerud Phillips was born in Deposit, NY, February 19, 1939 and laid down her burdens to rest in Jesus on March 19, 2003 at Eugene, Oregon.

Interment was at the National Cemetery in Riverside, CA.

She was the daughter of John and Dagny (Loken) Hellerud of Bainbridge, NY, formerly of Norway.

Ruth married Ray Phillips on Nov. 20, 1964, a very fortunate man who had the privilege of her companionship for over 39 years.

Ruth earned her bachelor's degree in nursing, then spending five years in the Army Nurse Corps as a Captain and continuing her life as a nurse after her military service.

## Ruth Helene Hellerud 1939 - 2003



### E U L O G Y

Born in Deposit, New York, on February 19, 1939. Died in Eugene, Oregon, on March 19, 2003.

Father, John Kristian Hellerud. Mother, Dagny Elizabeth (Loken) Hellerud. John and Dagny brought 12 children into the world. This includes four brothers, Peter, William, Edwin (Eddy) and David Hellerud. All have preceded Ruth in death except the youngest, David, who is a dentist in Southern California.

Ruth had seven sisters, which includes Snefed, Judith, Lydia, Miriam, Ethel, Lorraine and the youngest of the family, Dona, who Ruth took under her care as a teenager. Only two of her sisters have preceded her in death, Snefred and Lorraine.

Ruth was married on November 20, 1964, in Tacoma Park, MD. to Ray D. Phillips, who was by her side when she laid down her earthly life.

She never knew the joy of motherhood by natural birth, but she "adopted" many, many other children, both old and young and in addition she was "grandmother" or "Aunt" to a number of youngsters.

Ruth was baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist church at a camp meeting in upstate New York and remained a faithful member. Her membership was in the Pleasant Hill Seventh-day Adventist church.

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Her goal in life was to do all she could to help others find the peace and happiness she had found in Jesus. She lived a full life, but after a five month long fight with cancer, she lost that battle and went to sleep in Jesus. She passed from this life just 64 years and one month after that snowy entrance so long ago. Her husband Ray, Grace Almeida, who was like a daughter to her, her oldest sister, and her sister's husband was with her with some close friends when she died. Judy, her sister, was there when she was born and was present when Ruth preceded her in death. Judy was a second mother to her and along with her husband, Guy, they watched over "Ruthie" as one of their own children.

May she rest in peace, but may her hugs and smiles and love for Jesus be shared by all of us.

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