



Ruby Marie McFarland

February 5, 1930 - September 12, 2024

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Ruby Marie McFarland, a cherished mother, grandmother, and friend, who entered eternal rest on Thursday, September 12, 2024, in Gig Harbor, Washington. She was 94 years old.

Ruby was preceded in death by her devoted husband Jim, as well as her son-in-law, Bob Gunn. She is survived by her three loving children: Reggie McFarland (Chris) from Hayden, Idaho; Gaye Jacobs (Tom) from Gig Harbor, Washington; Kelly Gunn, from Spokane, Washington. Ruby also leaves behind nine grandchildren, each of whom she held dear to her heart: Josh Jacobs (Kelsy); Rebecca Brown (Eric); Andy Jacobs (Charmaine); J. James McFarland (Mary); Tausha McKernan (Aaron); Courtney Carlone (Nick); Mirinda Lisenbey (Jesse); Jordan Dennis (Austin); and Amanda McFarland. In addition, she was blessed with twenty great-grandchildren who brought her immense joy.

Born in DeSmet, South Dakota, in 1930, Ruby was the daughter of William and Ruth Torrence. At the age 14, her family moved to Omak, Washington where Ruby graduated from Omak High School. Soon after graduation, she married Jim McFarland, and they began their family in Tonasket, where Ruby embraced the role of homemaker with love and dedication. She made her home a sanctuary of rest, warmth and unconditional love for her family. Ruby

was an ever-present figure in her children's lives, leading Cub Scouts and Camp Fire Girls, volunteering in classrooms, and instilling in them the values of kindness, moral principles, and forgiveness.

Ruby and Jim later returned to Omak, where they opened a State Farm Insurance agency on Main Street. She was an active member of the Nazarene Church on Elmway, where she led bible studies in her home. Above all, Ruby cherished her role as a grandmother, spending countless joyous hours with her grandchildren and creating lasting memories at their beloved Crawfish Lake cabin, a place of laughter and togetherness.

A woman of many accomplishments, Ruby achieved her dream of becoming a pilot later in life and enjoyed soaring the skies. She was also passionate about golf and took every chance to play. An avid art lover, Ruby created several masterpieces, from stunning paintings to exquisite dried flower arrangements and vibrant gardens.

As we remember Ruby, we hold onto the beautiful truth: "Mothers hold their children's hands for a while, but their hearts forever."

A burial service in honor of Ruby McFarland will take place on September 21 at 2 p.m. at Okanogan Valley Memorial Gardens Cemetery, where she will be laid to rest. Pastor Dave Lamb will officiate.

In this time of grief, we celebrate the wonderful life Ruby led and the incredible legacy of love and kindness she leaves behind.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

SEP **21**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (PT)

Okanogan Valley Memorial Gardens
214 Conconully Road
Okanogan, WA 98840

Tribute Wall

VC

“ *Patient, kind, and living only begins to describe the mothering angel of Ruby. She fed me many- of- meals my teenage years. The first time I ate a taco was at her table. Gay and I were Beatles fans is an understatement. We played, and mimicked their music for hours on end. Weekend after weekend. Taking over the livingroom. Ruby never uttered a word to quiet down or go find something else to do. Looking back now, as an adult, I wonder how she managed that.....sound canceling headphones weren't invented yet. LOL. Ruby went so far as to take us star-gazed teenage girls to Seattle for a Beatles concert. We were in heaven. Looking back, I wonder if Gay ever told her about some of our downtown Seattle adventures after the concert. Thank you Jesus for your hand of protection over us naive country- bumpkins. A soft, gentle, smiling, kind spirit to be remembered. All who knew Ruby were abundantly blessed. I am confident she was met at the pearly gates by God's voice saying " a job well done my good and faithful servant." My heartfelt condolences go out to the family. May you feel the ever presence of God's warm embrace, especially during these grieving days. Sending my prayers and love,
Vicki (Freel) Cates*

Vicki (Freel) Cates - September 22, 2024 at 04:22 PM

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“ *Gloria, Gene, Michael, Tina Copenspire planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ruby Marie McFarland.*

Gloria, Gene, Michael, Tina Copenspire - September 18, 2024 at 02:10 PM

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“ Gloria, Gene, Michael, Tina Copenspire purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Ruby Marie McFarland.



Gloria, Gene, Michael, Tina Copenspire - September 18, 2024
at 02:10 PM

JC

“ What a lovely lady your mom and grandmother was! I recall her as such a soft spoken and kind person with a warm smile. She gave you all a wonderful example of parenting as a part of her legacy. May God hold you close as you grieve her passing. It's a big open spot in your lives and your family memories will continue to become more precious each day. We send our love and prayers,
Jim and Joanne Carvitto

joanne carvitto. - September 17, 2024 at 08:32 PM

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“ We wish you peace in the fact Ruby was an amazing woman! Dale and I enjoyed knowing her and had the greatest respect for her.
Dale and Deborah Erickson

Deborah Erickson - September 16, 2024 at 10:14 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



River Valley Funeral - September 16, 2024 at 12:52 PM