



Ruth Kathleen French

July 28, 1945 - December 25, 2012

Ruth Kathleen French, 67 year-old resident of Siloam Springs, Arkansas, died December 25, 2012 at her home. Born July 28, 1945 in Minneapolis, Minnesota, she was the daughter of Reuben Thompson and Melba Johnson Thompson. Ruth married Ken French on November 19, 1966 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. She received a registered nursing degree from Lutheran Deaconess Hospital and a bachelor of science from John Brown University. Ruth worked as a registered nurse for 44 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Jerry Thompson and John Thompson; and one sister, Rebecca Rolfsrud.

Survivors include her husband, Ken; three sons, Jesse French and wife Anna of Longview, Texas, Eric French and wife Jill of Springdale, Arkansas, and Brian French and wife Sara of Savannah, Georgia; nine grandchildren; two brothers, Tom Thompson and wife Janet of Minneapolis, Minnesota, and Jim Thompson and wife Cindy of Omaha, Nebraska; three sisters, Bonnie Snater and husband Manfred Stoelzle of Minneapolis, Mary Huspeni and husband Terry of St. Paul, Minnesota, and Carol Trittin of Atlanta, Georgia.

Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m., Saturday, December 29, 2012 at First Presbyterian Church, Siloam Springs, Arkansas. Burial will be private. Visitation will be 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Friday, December 28, 2012 at Wasson

Funeral Home, Siloam Springs, Arkansas.

Cemetery Details

Oak Hill Cemetery

2122 W. University St.
Siloam Springs, AR 72761

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **28**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Wasson Funeral Home
441 U.S. 412
Siloam Springs, AR 72761
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<https://www.wassonfuneralhome.com>

Service

DEC **29**. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church
201 E. Ashley
Siloam Springs, AR 72761

Tribute Wall

EV

“ *Ken, Jesse, Eric, & Brian*

I was shocked to hear about your families loss.

Our thoughts & prayers will be with you at this time.

We know that she is now in Heaven with our Lord & Savior.

Evan & Dean Vohs

Evan Vohs - January 08, 2013 at 09:22 AM

LC

“ *For several years I was an employee at Woodland Manor in Siloam Springs. I remember seeing an advertisement concerning a mattress set from Ruth's family. I told Ruth that we were in need of a mattress, but at that time, couldn't afford to purchase one. For years, we enjoyed using the mattress set that the French's gave my husband and me.*

When my father received the "Outstanding JBU Alumnus" award, Ruth assisted with hosting a reception for him at their church. Although my family & I are sad to hear of Ruth's passing, we are thrilled to know Ruth got to see Jesus in Heaven on the date we celebrate His birth! On behalf of the Kennedy family -- Lucy Kennedy Cundiff

Lucy Cundiff - January 08, 2013 at 12:22 AM

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“ Ruthie and I have been friends since we were 3 years old. We were inseperable during our school years. She moved away when she married and remained in Arkansas, but she will always hold a special place in my heart. Her battle is over now, and her victory is won. Rest in Peace my friend. I will never forget you. Love, Cathy (Cummings)Rusnacko

Cathy (Cummings)Rusnacko - December 30, 2012 at 12:28 AM

JC

“ Ruthie was my dad's (Glenn Thompson) cousin attending nursing school with my Aunt Karen. Occasionally she would come and watch us 5 kids while my parents would go out. We loved her and always loved her coming. After moving to Florida we didn't see her again but I always was interested in hearing updates on her family from my dad. What wonderful tributes to her.

Julie (Thompson) Caprera - December 29, 2012 at 12:24 PM

JK

“ Nursing School at Deaconess Hospital brought Ruth and I together and we became fast friends. She shared her Mpls. home and family with me and I my family with her. What great memories I have. She loved family, friends, nursing, homemaking, and creating art pieces. Ruth was dedicated to Christ and wanted more than anything her family to know Him. She was so creative and able to make beautiful things with only scraps! My mind is flooded with so much history. Her passion for glass work was shared by many. I believe she was the original recycler! An inspiration for many. What a friend I was given!

Judy Katzenberger - December 28, 2012 at 01:15 PM



“ *Sacred Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ruth Kathleen French.*



December 27, 2012 at 05:26 PM



“ *Ruth was a good friend with a giving heart. She endured physical problems with no complaint, three insulin shots daily and deafness. Life was not easy for Ruth. During her many doctor appointments she'd ask me to go along and we always had lunch and a stop by Ryan's in Springdale. She emailed daily after we moved and I had many laughs as she told me the humorous things Aiden did and said. She was proud of each grandchild.*

After the first stroke, she wasn't able to email and I missed my friend very much.

Rest in peace, Ruth, and know you were loved.

Joanne OKelley - December 27, 2012 at 09:52 AM



“ *Written in the Stars was purchased for the family of Ruth Kathleen French.*



December 27, 2012 at 07:45 AM