



**REMEMBERING**  
**Ruth Christine Hilderman**  
September 22, 1951 - December 6, 2022



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**Tribute from Wiebe and Jeske Funeral Home**

Wiebe and Jeske Funeral Home Staff send our condolences to family and friends.

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**Tribute from Diane Hoffstedt**

Relation: First cousin

Cousin Renee and I decided in 2018 that we'd like to visit our five Canadian cousins. In typical Ruth-fashion, she said, "I'll drive you!" so Renee and I traveled from Colorado and Minnesota via Seattle to Canada. Ruth was our enthusiastic, knowledgeable tour guide from Surrey, British Columbia to Saskatchewan -- and back. Ruth organized our overnight stops enroute and provided area history as we drove. We made special stops at Lake Louise, Banff, Calgary and with Ruth's siblings in Saskatoon, Yorkton and Regina. What a wonderful adventure traveling together on a 14-day road trip! It was 2293 miles of FUN, praising God for family and the beautiful scenery. Thanks, Ruth...we love you.

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**Tribute from Sharon Relkey**

Relation: friend, colleague, family

My warmest thoughts to Ruth's family. I will always remember Ruth. The first day I met Ruth at the Teacher Ed program, at UBC I said - I think we might be related, I am related to Hildermans. Ruth replied that they didn't have any relatives in BC. Later when I was looking at an Esslinger Family book, I saw a photo of Ruth, David, David's parents and the children. I told Ruth that we were related. And from then on- I was family. Ruth was a good friend and fellow home economist, and fellow teacher. She was always happy to chat. Although I have not seen much of Ruth in the last few years, we did chat a few times. I am grateful for our friendship, and being welcomed into her family. I will always think of Ruth warmly. My condolences to David, Mat., Nathan, Hannah and their families. I will be watching the live stream.

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**Tribute from Mary Koenig**

Relation: Friend

Our condolence to the family. Ruth was an amazing person, teacher, mentor she will be dearly missed.

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**Tribute from Margrit Bowler**

Relation: Friend from St Luke

My condolences to Pastor Dave and her loved ones. It was a joy to know her, even though for such a short time at St Luke.

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**Tribute from Joel Cherland**

Relation: Nephew

I wanted to let everyone know that I was her favourite. Now before your immediate reaction goes too far, let me qualify that notion by adding it had nothing to do with me and everything to do with who I understand my Aunt Ruth to be. I mean, it's a sad reality that I can probably count the number of times in my life where I was in the same space as my Aunt Ruth and I don't hesitate to call her closest and dearest family. But with that understanding, how can I feel like a favourite person to her? As I said, let me qualify. Whenever I saw her, since i was a gangly little kid, she would tell me to 'get over here' and give her a hug and a kiss on the cheek immediately. She'd then look at me with eyes that said, "I know you're up to something... and I can't wait to be laughing about it soon." She made me feel special, important, valued, appreciated, and... her favourite. From ensuring I got my butt over to greet her to her ensuring my gluten free needs were met in any baking done over the years of family gatherings. That was Ruth's way, wasn't it. We were all her favourites: everyone she knew. We were all her favourite friends, colleagues, students, cousins, nieces and nephews, kids, grandkids, sisters and brothers, and loving husband. So where I'm going with all of this is here: that when I say, "I was her favourite"... i know you all know exactly how I feel. Thanks for making me feel like your favourite little nephew. Thanks for making us all your favourites, Auntie. I love you too.

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**Tribute from Ruth & Paul Eifert**

Relation: Friends

Dear Dave & family, We just learned of Ruth's death today and want to extend our sympathy to you. Though we haven't seen Ruth, or you, Dave in years, we have many happy memories of shared times when we both lived in Castle Downs in Edmonton. Ruth especially remembers sharing recipes and love of cooking and entertaining with your Ruth. May you all find comfort and strength in God's presence as you feel the loss of Ruth. And may you find joy in knowing that your Ruth is now experiencing the fullness of joy in the presence of God

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