



## Ruth Irene Craig

July 16, 1931 - May 3, 2020

Ruth Irene (Koch) Craig was born July 16, 1931 In Lincoln, NE. After a full and beautiful 88 years she passed peacefully in Lindenhurst, IL on May 3, 2020.

Ruth was a beloved daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, aunt, great-aunt, cousin, niece and friend. She married George Craig on October 14, 1950. They raised three children: Cynthia, Sharon and Alan. She grew up and raised her family in the Jefferson Park neighborhood of Chicago, IL. She was a third-generation member of Eden Church and attended for many years before relocating to Lake Villa, IL where she attended St. Mark Lutheran Church. She worked at Bankers Life & Casualty and Wolke & Kotler in Chicago, IL. She was an avid cook and baker with a passion for sewing, crocheting, cross-stitching cardinals (the bird) and a fan of the Chicago Cubs and Chicago Bears.

Nothing was more important or precious to her than being surrounded by her family and sharing a good meal; one of the myriad of blessings that she credited to her God and Redeemer.

Ruth is survived by her husband of 69 years, George; daughters Cynthia Roth, Sharon (James) Schranz, and son Alan (Dee) Craig; 7 grandchildren (Heather, Katie, Adam, Jessica, Jacob, Alison and Briana), 13 (soon to be 14) great-grandchildren; and sisters Esther Klayum and Dorothy Hauff.

At a date to be determined, a Memorial Service will be held.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ruth Irene Craig*

October 04, 2023 at 02:13 PM



“ *Ruth Irene Craig*

December 31, 2022 at 11:36 AM



“ *Sad to hear of your mom's passing. Her enthusiasm always put a smile on my face and made me feel welcome. Peace to you and your family.*  
*Mary Fazio*

**Mary Fazio** - August 19, 2021 at 08:19 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of your loss. We would be at the service but that is the same day Mike's family is having his father's service. With much love and sympathy .... the Mol Family*

**Mike** - July 12, 2021 at 06:56 PM

DA

“ *Sister Ruth,  
You have played a very important part in my life , as you were 9  
years older than me .  
You showed me how to make my first Thanksgiving turkey dinner ,  
using your roaster pan & dishes ,  
Which was only 3 weeks after I got married.*

*I always admired your talent to do needle point pictures and I love  
mine from you & enjoy them in my home.*

*We have remained loving sisters over all these years.*

*Thank you for all you have done for me & my family.  
You will be greatly missed.*

*Love Esther Klayum*

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**dan** - May 15, 2020 at 07:03 PM

NS

“ *God bless you, Auntie Ruthie, we will miss you. I cherish family  
memories of us all together over the years. Your apple slices recipe  
will always remind me of those years.*

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**Nancy Sayre** - May 10, 2020 at 04:35 PM

DH

“ *What special memories I have of my sister Ruth. We do wonder  
where the years have flown to since those early days when we lived  
downstairs of Ruth and George. She taught me how to cook and  
make coffee...Oh, we will miss Ruth yet so thankful for the  
friendship we have had for these many years. Dorothy*

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**Dorothy Hauff** - May 09, 2020 at 12:21 PM