



Ruth Eleanor Armstrong

August 15, 1935 - August 6, 2025

Ruth Eleanor Armstrong, a devoted mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and great-great-grandmother and friend, passed away peacefully on August 6, 2025, at the age of 89. Her life was a testament to love, quiet strength, and unwavering commitment to her family.

Born in Chicago, Illinois, to William M. Buford and Juanita Stevens, Ruth dedicated her life to her family, raising 12 children with a gentle spirit and a firm hand. She instilled in her children the values of honesty, hard work, and a profound commitment to one another. Ruth understood the transformative power of education and made sure each of her children had the opportunity to pursue their dreams. Ruth was a home care aide for over 10 years. Ruth made a difference in people's lives by assisting them with everyday needs. Ruth was a diamond, and she made everything great.

As her family grew, Ruth embraced her roles as grandmother to 11 and great-grandmother and great-great grandmother to 1, with the same grace and affection. Her legacy is not just in the number of lives she touched, but in the quality of her love and the quiet support she offered to each family member. She taught us that true strength lies in kindness and that a mother's love is the greatest gift of all.

Ruth is preceded in death by her husband, James Carlin Armstrong, Sr, son, Eric, sister Doris Smith and Brother Leroy Buford. She is survived by her 11 children: Debra, Tyrone, Janice, Michael (Jill), James Jr, Kurt, Derek, Kim, Tracy, Heather, and Nicholas, her grandchildren, and all her great-

grandchildren.

A memorial service was held at D.L. Funeral Home on August 16, 2025.

Cemetery Details

Arlington Hill Cemetery

56838 - 28th Avenue
Bangor, MI

Tribute Wall

LO

“ Condolences for Kurt, Derek, & entire family. She was a wonderful woman and beautiful Soul! - Proverbs 31:28 - Lenny Overmyer (Farm & Forest, Copemish, MI)

Lenny Overmyer - September 02, 2025 at 07:50 PM

KC

“ Prayers going out



ketha cathey - August 23, 2025 at 03:29 PM

LF

“ I just went on the DL Miller web site and was so very saddened to hear of Mrs. Armstrongs passing. I will forever cherish all the talks she and I had when she came into the State farm office to pay her insurance. She was such a jewel. What kind compassionate loving woman. I know Jesus welcomed her with open arms when she went to heaven. Bless her children and may your mothers memory live forever in you hearts. Lynne Farmer

Lynne Farmer - August 23, 2025 at 02:17 PM

DC

“ I'm going to cherish all of the memories I have growing up with Mrs. Armstrong and her family. She was my mom's BEST friend. They talked all of the time. Ruth's kindness and perseverance inspired me to never give up.

Denise Corbett - August 23, 2025 at 09:47 AM

YV

“ I'm going to miss seeing Ms Armstrong walking through town or running into her at walmart, she was always a pleasure to talk and see. I am so sorry for your loss.



Yvonne - August 20, 2025 at 05:05 AM

DB

“ I remember her from Hardings. Always waking to the store to do her shopping. She was a very kind and sweet lady. Very friendly. Prayers to the family.



David Bournay - August 19, 2025 at 09:37 PM

HA

Thank you so much for your kind words, our mother loved going to Hardings.

Heather Armstrong - August 20, 2025 at 09:23 PM

KF

“ I will always remember her as a kind hearted person who I thought the world of
My condolences to her family!

Kimberly frye - August 19, 2025 at 06:14 PM

HA

Thank you.

Heather Armstrong - August 20, 2025 at 09:24 PM

CP

“ To the Armstrong family: I will always remember your mother as one of the nicest lady in town. She raised the most kind,polite, friendly,smart,athletic children I had the opportunity to know and a few that I worked with. May she rest in peace.

Carol Picchiarelli - August 19, 2025 at 02:26 PM

HA

Thank you for looking out for our mother. Mama spoke highly of you.

Heather Armstrong - August 20, 2025 at 09:25 PM

BB

“ My thoughts are with the Armstrong family. I don't know that you could have been a student at Bangor High School in the 80's and not know Mrs. Armstrong. I think there was a Buskirk in almost every grade there was an Armstrong! Your mom is a shining memory for me.

Bonnie Buskirk - August 19, 2025 at 09:53 AM

HA

Thank you for always being so nice to us. Your dad taught us strength and endurance. My mother appreciated that. Mama loved all of our friends. ❤️

Heather Armstrong - August 19, 2025 at 10:10 AM

PH

“ To the family of dear Ms. Armstrong: I was so sad to read of the passing of your Mother/Grandmother. She was one of the kindest and gentle ladies that I knew. It was such a pleasure to see her when I was working at the St. Vincent shop. She was always buying things for others and getting greeting cards to send to those she knew. I will miss visiting with her and showing her pictures of my grandchildren that she always asked about. I know she is in the arms of Jesus her Savior. Please accept my deepest sympathy. I'm so sorry I didn't find out until after the service, because I surely would have been there. May God bless you all and give you strength and peace at this difficult time.
Most Sincerely, Pat (Distefano) Henry

Pat Henry - August 19, 2025 at 08:09 AM

HA

Thank you for your kind words. Our mother loved looking at pictures and going to St. Vincent on her weekly walks downtown.

Heather Armstrong - August 19, 2025 at 08:40 AM

PF

I remember Ruth as such a lovely caring woman, and an amazing mother to her children. I had the privilege of working with James, Kurt, Derek, Kim, Tracy, Heather, and Nick at Bangor High School. Ruth was such a supportive mother, wanting the best for each of her children. I am so sorry you have lost her.

Patricia Flynn - August 19, 2025 at 08:02 PM