



Ruth E. Herring

November 28, 1917 - September 8, 2016

Ruth Edna (Moyer) Herring
1917 - 2016

Born: November 28, 1917 in Willcox Arizona.

Died: September 8, 2016 in Willcox, Arizona.

Ruth was preceded in death by her husband of 73 years Olen Keith Herring, Sr.

Survived by their 3 sons; Olen Keith Herring, Jr.; Jerry (Judy); Steven (Brenda); and five grandsons and five great-grandchildren. She was also preceded in death by her parents, Albert and Pearl Moyer; her siblings; Lola, Jim, Bill, Jacob, Ruby, Ted, Bonna Jean and Craig and her daughter -in-law RoAnn.

Like her husband Olen, Ruth was born into the greatest generation in America. From 1917 to 2016 Ruth lived through many changing times and many advancements in technology. Born and raised in Willcox, Arizona, Ruth graduated from Patagonia High School in 1939. Ruth shared many stories of growing up in Willcox with her childhood friend Rex Allen with whom she shared her love of music and fond memories of their "honky tonkin' days". Ruth loved to tell how she and Olen attended one of the parades in Willcox and as Rex Allen was rolling by he spotted Ruth in the crowd. He stopped the wagon he was on, jumped off and ran over to Ruth and gave her a kiss... winked at her husband Olen and said, "I knew her first!" He jumped back on

his parade wagon and drove on.

Ruth met her husband Olen in 1941 when he was working in Willcox on a jobsite. They married April 11, 1942. Olen served in the U.S. Navy 1944-1946 at which time they lived in San Bernadino, Ca. Anyone living in California at that time held a job of some kind to support the war effort. Ruth worked for Ryan Aircraft, a contractor for the Department of Defense. She was a riveter and one of her jobs was installing ailerons on B-24's. "Ruth E. the Riveter" Ruth and Olen raised their three sons in Tucson, Arizona and in 1987, when Olen retired they moved to Willcox and lived the remainder of their life together there. Ruth was an excellent homemaker who loved making her home a welcome place for all who came to visit. She was an outstanding cook who loved having family & friends over to share a meal and enjoy one of her home baked cakes and pies. Ruth made the best pecan pies and apple pies ever, taking pride in the fact the apples came from their very own trees. Ruth was a gifted piano player. Not having radio or television growing up, her father made sure they had a piano. Never took a lesson and couldn't read music. It was as if she felt each note with her heart as her fingers rolled over the keys and she had a beautiful voice that gave each song her own little style. She shared her love for music when family and friends would visit. She would play the piano or her fun electronic Omnichord while she sang her favorite songs. Most everyone who knew them had the pleasure of Ruth playing and singing one of her and Olen's favorites, "The Wreck of the Old 97". Ruth played and sang while Olen would blow his train whistle at the appropriate places that Ruth would instruct him. This brought smiles and laughter to everyone in the house. The biggest smile and happiest eyes were Olen's! He adored his Ruthie!

Being born into the greatest generation in America, Ruth learned the value of doing her best work at everything she did. Ruth and Olen worked side by side for 73 years. Ruth enjoyed telling how during World War II, "Everyone worked hard together...you didn't know a stranger...You shared what you had and everyone worked together to make our nation great!" "We worked hard so our

kids wouldn't have to go through the same things we did!"

Ruth loved her Creator and her faith was strong!

Ruth adored her husband, Olen and she delighted in her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren and looked forward to each and every visit from them! Ruth will be dearly missed by all who love her!

Memorial services for Ruth will be held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday October 1, 2016 at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Willcox.

Graveside service with the family following the memorial service.

Services entrusted to Westlawn Chapel, Mortuary and Crematory of Willcox, Arizona. You may express condolences at www.westlawnchapelmortuary.com

Cemetery Details

Sunset Cemetery

N. Sunset Strip Road
Willcox, AZ 85643

Previous Events

Memorial

OCT 1. 10:00 AM (MT)

Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses
403 W. Rex Allen Dr.
Willcox, AZ 85643

Tribute Wall



“ *Ruth E. Herring*

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