



## Ruth C. Ernst

March 10, 1924 - November 18, 2021

Ruth Clara (Stollsteimer) Ernst, age 97, passed away peacefully on Thursday, November 18, 2021. She was born March 10, 1924 in Ann Arbor to Albert and Clara (Haas). She graduated from Saline High School in 1944.

Ruth married Clayton Ernst on July 6, 1947 at Ruth's childhood home, where they continued to reside for 72 years. She is preceded in death by her husband, her parents, a sister, Della (James) Graff, and 2 grandchildren, Gabriel and Andrew Manny.

Ruth and Clayton have 4 children, Carol (Ernst) Manny and David (Farrell) of Dexter; Gary and Teri (Boling) of Howell; Alvin and Joan (Ottoman) of Ann Arbor; and Kevin and Amy (Scherdt) of Manchester, 13 grandchildren, and 23 great-grandchildren. Much to Ruth's delight, all her family resides locally.

Ruth was a farmer's wife and an amazing mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She cooked, cleaned, sewed, gardened, canned, baked, drove tractors, and tended to the farm animals. A tiny little German woman, who did the work of more than one, and never complained. However, she never hesitated to put her work aside and play a board game or a hand of Uno when the grandkids came to visit.

After Clayton passed away two years ago, Ruth went to live at Silver Maples Retirement Community, where she enjoyed exercising, playing bingo and other games, attending Sunday church services, and visiting with the other residents.

Ruth was a woman of strong faith and attended St. Thomas Church for many

years.

Funeral Services will be held on Monday, November 22, 2021 at 11:00 A.M. at St. Thomas Lutheran Church in Ann Arbor, MI with Pastor Coleman Geraci officiating. Burial will take place in the St. Thomas Church Cemetery. Friends may join the family for a time of visitation on Sunday, November 21, 2021 at the Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home in Saline from 1:00 P.M. until 5:00 P.M. and again on Monday at the church from 10:00 A.M. until the time of service at 11:00 A.M. Memorial contributions in her name may be made to St. Thomas Lutheran Church or Meals on Wheels. To leave a memory, to sign Ruth's guestbook, or for directions please visit [www.rbfhsaline.com](http://www.rbfhsaline.com).

# Cemetery Details

## St. Thomas Lutheran Cemetery

10001 West Ellsworth Road  
Ann Arbor, MI 48103

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **21**. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home & Cremation Services  
301 E Michigan Ave  
Saline, MI 48176  
(734) 429-9760  
rbfhsaline@hotmail.com  
<https://www.rbfhsaline.com>

## Visitation

NOV **22**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Thomas Lutheran Church  
10001 West Ellsworth Road  
Ann Arbor, MI 48103  
<http://stthomaslcms.org/>

## Funeral Service

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NOV **22**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Thomas Lutheran Church  
10001 West Ellsworth Road  
Ann Arbor, MI 48103  
<http://stthomaslcms.org/>

## Graveside Service

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NOV **22**. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (ET)

St. Thomas Lutheran Cemetery  
10001 West Ellsworth Road  
Ann Arbor, MI 48103

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ruth C. Ernst*

October 23, 2023 at 01:07 PM



“ *We are so sorry for your loss* ❤️

*Tom & Lisa DeWolfe*

**Tom & Lisa DeWolfe** - November 21, 2021 at 03:35 PM



“ *Heather Hohlbein purchased the Love Everlasting Bouquet for the family of Ruth C. Ernst.*



**Heather Hohlbein** - November 19, 2021 at 04:32 PM



“ *Diane and Steve, and Carl and Helga purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Ruth C. Ernst.*



**Diane and Steve, and Carl and Helga** - November 19, 2021 at 01:09 PM