



## Ruth Loretta Hammack

September 22, 1922 - August 25, 2017

Ruth Loretta Patricia Hammack (Pene) died on August 25, 2017, in Spokane Valley, Washington. She was the first daughter of Ruth Fernberg Gibbons and Charles Anthony Gibbons of Seattle, WA. She had two sisters: Dorothy Marie Speidel of Sacramento, California and Charlynn Ann Coleman (deceased) of Chicago, Illinois.

She was a wife, mother, typist, Avon sales person, and oil painter.

Ruth was born on September 29, 1922, on the remembrance of the day for St. Michael the Archangel, in Boulder, Colorado, where her father was attending the University of Colorado.

Ruth grew up in Berwyn, Illinois, Alameda, CA, San Francisco, CA, and Seattle, WA. She attended Lincoln High School in Seattle and graduated from Holy Names Academy in Seattle in 1940.

She attended Seattle University, Seattle, WA, where she studied engineering, and then the University of Washington, Seattle, in the School of Architecture from 1944-1945.

Ruth worked as a statistical typist at the office of George W. Stoddard, Architects and Engineers in Seattle, WA. This is where she met her future husband, Sam Jr. Hammack. Sam became the Director of Architects at the John Graham Architects and Engineering Co. -- of the Space Needle designer fame.

Ruth married Sam Jr. Hammack on July 23, 1949, at the old St. Anne's Catholic Church on Queen Anne Hill in Seattle, WA. Sam died on June 20,

2004, in Cheney, WA, on Father's Day.

Together, they raised a family of six children: Patti (and Jim) Richardson, of Sumner, WA, Vickie (and Don) Kennedy of Medical Lake, WA, Terri (and Luis) Flores of Seattle, WA, Michael Hammack (deceased), Judy Hammack of Seattle, and Larry (and Sheryl) Hammack of Veradale, WA.

Ruth leaves behind ten grandchildren: Matthew Kennedy, Timothy Kennedy, Michael Culp, Christian Culp, Dwight Hammack, Jamie Hammack, Wendi Flores, Shelleen Creed, Ariel Francis, and Trea Francis. There are also ten great-grandchildren of Ruth's: Marie, Kaley, Michael, Ryan, Lillian, Aiden, Ethan, Teagan, James, and NataliA funeral mass will be celebrated at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 304 S. Adams Road, Spokane Valley, WA., on Saturday, September 2, 2017, at 10:00 AM. Burial will be at Spokane Memorial Gardens, 5509 S. Cheney Spokane Road, Spokane, WA.