



Naoma Ruth Irons

December 17, 1954 - January 8, 2022

Naoma “Ruth” Irons (Malone), 67, of Orange, TX passed away peacefully in her sleep on January 8, 2022. Ruth was born in Orange, TX to Cynthia Antoinette (Hill) and James Vernon Malone. She had four siblings, and was affectionately known as “Sister” to them. After meeting and marrying Thomas “Mike” Irons, they lived in different areas throughout the country, until they settled in North Texas for the majority of their lives. A few years ago, they relocated to Crawfordville, FL to be closer to their sons, and their family. Ruth and Mike were married for 44 years and were best friends. You often saw them still holding hands and laughing together. Ruth made it her job in life to raise their 3 children, Colin, Kelley, and Kasey, who they loved dearly. Family was their biggest reason for living, and the Irons family is very close. Before Ruth’s passing, she got to meet and spend time with her two grandchildren, Sawyer and Ezra, and her heart was full seeing her family grow. In addition to loving her family, Ruth loved animals, nature, and plants. One of her biggest hobbies was following wildlife on web cams and sharing their story. Mike and Ruth adored their dog, Zeke (who looks like a wolf), and most people who didn’t know her personally, saw her walking Zeke in the park on a weekly basis. Ruth loved deeply and would have done anything for anyone. Her smile could light up any room and her laugh was contagious. She will be missed by many. Ruth is survived by her husband Thomas Michael Irons, mother Cynthia Malone Tuter, son Michael “Colin” Irons and wife Charlotte Irons and their son Sawyer, daughter Kelley Nicole DiGiacomo and husband Anthony DiGiacomo

and their son Ezra, son James “Kasey” Irons and wife Jessica Smith, brother Huey Malone and wife Jill, sister Molly Malone and Trudy Malone, brothers-in-law Dan Shuford, Jack Shuford and wife Sharon, sister-in-law Karol Irons Cook and husband Thomas Cook. Ruth was preceded in death by her sister Julie Dugas and husband Jimmie Dugas, and her father James Malone, step-father “Tuter”, and brother-in-law Stan Armstrong. A celebration of life will be held in the future, in Texas. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Hancock Wildlife Foundation under “Adopt a Nest” at <https://hancockwildlife.org/campaigns/adopt-a-nest/> Please include her name so that the nests can be tracked. (This is a Canadian-based organization, so is only tax-exempt in Canada.)

A Celebration of Life will be held in Texas at a later date.

David Conn and Kimberly Crum with Bevis Funeral Home of Crawfordville are assisting the family with arrangements. (850-926-3333, www.bevisfh.com)

Tribute Wall

KB

“ Thinking of you all today on the 1 year anniversary of Ruth's passing. I know that you are remembering all of the beautiful memories of her. God Bless, Karen Butler and Family

Karen Butler - January 08, 2023 at 12:30 PM

JB

“ On behalf of the Hancock Wildlife Foundation, our deepest sympathy on the passing of the wonderful friend of the eagles we knew as txelements. We enjoyed having her as part of our forum family, and will miss her caring and thoughtful posts. We are honored that you suggested donations to Hancock Wildlife and are pleased to report that our Delta 2 bald eagle nest has been adopted for 2022 in memory of Naoma Ruth Irons/txelements. I'm including a picture of "Ma Delta" feeding two tiny eaglets, and as I look at Naoma's beautiful smile, I can see her spirit soaring with the eagles.

*Judy Barrows ("JudyB" at HWF)
volunteer website/forum admin*



Judy Barrows - March 01, 2022 at 05:20 PM

KB

“ It was my pleasure and honor to have met Ruth on two occasions. The first time was at my dear niece Charlotte's bridal shower and the second time was at the wedding ceremony of Colin and Charlotte. Ruth was so lovely and kind. I could see the love that she had for Charlotte and the love that Charlotte had for her. As I look at the pictures on this memory page, in every picture Ruth is smiling and laughing. What a wonderful and beautiful way to live your life. My heart goes out to all of you who have lost your wife, mother, daughter, sister, grandmother and dear friend, Ruth. God bless, Karen Butler and Family

Karen Butler - January 30, 2022 at 01:25 PM

BF

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Becky Ferguson - January 23, 2022 at 12:46 AM

BF

“ Knowing Ruth and having her in my life, even a little, made my life richer. To be with Ruth was to be in the company of a loving, caring and nature-loving woman. Her thoughtfulness, gentle spirit, sweet smile and funny sense of humor had a positive influence on me and I imagine many others felt this as well. Being around such a gracious and humble spirit made me want to be a better person.

I think most of Ruth's love and devotion was saved for her close family members who returned that love and now miss her so much. Mike, her 3 children and their 3 spouses, and her 2 precious grandsons were her world so a part of her will live on through them. She will never be forgotten.

I want to share my condolences and sorrow to all of her family members and friends. It's hard to believe such a kind soul as Ruth really is gone.

Becky Ferguson - January 23, 2022 at 12:42 AM

SB

“ Fifteen years ago, Ruth and Sarah lit a Unity candle at Colin and Charlotte’s wedding, joining two families into one. And, a little over a year ago, we added one more precious gift, Sawyer. Although we only saw Ruth once or twice a year over those intervening years, Ken and Sarah have felt a strong sense of family with Mike and Ruth and always have enjoyed being with this “family.” Ruth’s kindness, willingness to do for others, and love of nature always has been a heart-warming tie that keeps us all in its warmth. We will miss you, Ruth, but know your memory will always be with us. Ken & Sarah Brown



Sarah & Ken Brown - January 15, 2022 at 12:04 PM

TR

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Trudy - January 13, 2022 at 11:35 PM

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Trudy - January 13, 2022 at 11:10 PM

CI

“ *Momma Ruth, also lovingly known as Ma Bear, was a wonderful wife, mother, sister, grandmother, and friend. Her kindness was felt by everyone around her. She cared deeply for her family and animals. We will love you and miss you always. Hugs*



Charlotte Irons - January 13, 2022 at 03:35 PM

SM

“ My deepest condolences to Naoma's family and friends on the loss of such a wonderful, kind, funny, caring person. We met on HWF forum around 2009 and have been friends ever since. We kept each other updated on what was going on in our family lives and lots of general thoughts on various things. I've been sitting here going through some of our dm's. "Well s**t, I was going to speak of something else, I think, regarding music but I lost it." She had a great sense of humour. "Deep within me, I feel hope is never a wasted emotion." This one always stuck with me.

I am glad to have had her in my life and will miss her greatly.

Scott (mmud at HWF)

Scott Martin - January 13, 2022 at 01:17 AM

IO

“ Naoma I will miss talking eagles and SDP pups with you RIP my friend

Iona - January 13, 2022 at 12:16 AM

JW

“ Texas my beloved friend from EA all those years I'm am so saddened first my brother in law Jack and now Texas I will really miss you girl....from her friend in Vancouver Jo or JudiW

Judith Williams - January 12, 2022 at 11:39 PM

CP

“ Although I never met Naoma (Ruth) personally her light shined at Hancock Wildlife and she was an amazing once in a lifetime friend. We were blessed to know her. Please know that she must be soaring high as her spirit left pawprints everywhere she touched. With much love,
Carolyn
aka Woodlands Bleu

Carolyn Park - January 12, 2022 at 11:05 PM

TR

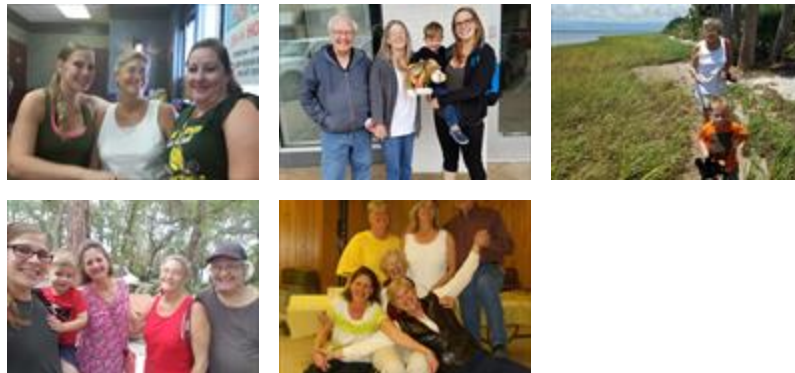
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Trudy - January 12, 2022 at 09:04 PM

Katy
Dempsey

“ Aunt Ruth has always been such an encouraging figure in my life. Always so full of joy and love. W
It is such a blessing to have these sweet memories with her ❤️



Katy Dempsey - January 11, 2022 at 06:12 PM



“ Aunt Ruth always gave the best hugs. She held on a little longer, and made me feel so loved, and I'll never forget that feeling.

April Booker - January 11, 2022 at 05:07 PM



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Molly 'Ree - January 11, 2022 at 10:28 AM



“ She was the best big Sissy in the world!

Molly 'Ree - January 11, 2022 at 09:27 AM