



## Ruth Pauline Patterson

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### A Life Built on Love

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Ruth Pauline Patterson (Mutz), beloved wife, mother—actually, BEST MOM EVER—grandmother, great-grandmother, great-great-grandmother, and dear friend to all, passed away peacefully on July 14th, 2025 at the age of 88. Born on August 3, 1936, in Avondale, Colorado, Ruth was the oldest of three daughters born to Edward Paul Mutz and Erma Faye Ebert. She grew up alongside her sisters, Pearl (“PeeWee”) and Dixie, and went on to live a life marked by love, strength, and unwavering devotion to her family.

One of Ruth’s favorite memories to share was of her and her friend, Carolyn, showing the first two Black Angus steers ‘Jack and Jill’ at the county fair. She spoke of it often, with pride and laughter, cherishing that moment as one of the highlights of her youth.

Ruth built a beautiful life alongside her husband, Norman Patterson, centered around their three daughters, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

She had a love of square dancing, sweet treats and a warm cup of coffee. Ruth had a special love for coffee cups, oh how she loved her coffee cups. Her growing collection was a reflection of how deeply she was loved, each mug holding a memory and a story. The prettier, the better.

There was nothing like sharing a cup of coffee with Grammy.

Affectionately known as “Grammy,” Ruth absolutely lived for her grandkids. She was present, devoted, and always eager to share in their lives. Many of her fondest memories, and the stories she loved to retell, were about the time spent with them. Her love for her family was the heart of who she was. Ruth’s kindness was steady, her resilience quiet but strong, and her compassion deep and true. She made those around her feel seen, heard, and loved, leaving a lasting imprint on all who had the privilege of knowing her. Simply put, Ruth was a “Ruth” in every sense. Loyal in her relationships, faithful in her commitments, generous with her love, and endlessly persistent through life’s hardships. Her legacy is one of hard-earned grace, quiet wisdom, and an enduring love that continues to ripple through her family. She will be deeply missed and eloquently remembered. Per Ruth’s wishes, no formal service will be held. Instead, she will be laid to rest in a private, intimate gathering with her loved ones.

In lieu of flowers or gifts, the family asks that you pay it forward. Be a Ruth. Show up for someone. Offer kindness. Give when you’re able. Love with your whole heart.  
Be a Ruth.

The family would like to extend their deepest gratitude to Abode Hospice, who cared for Ruth with incredible compassion and tenderness in her final months and days. Their kindness, support, and dedication went above and beyond, and we are forever grateful for the love they showed our mom. Words will never be enough to express our gratitude. A special thank you to Angela, Ally, Melissa, and Leslie. You will forever hold a place in our hearts.

-Proceeded in death by her parents, Edward Paul Mutz and Erma Faye Ebert, sister Dixie, son in law Ray Sturtevant, Grandson Matthew Eaks, and Great

Granddaughter Pearl Sturtevant.

Children

Peggy and Bill Eaks,

Cindy and Rick Leach

Tamey (Sturtevant) Patterson and George Mraovich,

Grandchildren

Matthew Eaks

Ashley and GB McHenry

Clinton and Susie Eaks

KaCie and John Cesar

Todd and Kelsi Leach

Mandi and Joe Cesar

Courtney and Damian Stollsteimer

Lacie and Art Gumke

Chad and Shannon Sturtevant

Great Grandkids

Dalton and Tannah Volk

Chase and Aiyana Volk

Cole McHenry and Kate

Paige and Colton Ramos

Garrett Eaks

Deston Cesar

Blake Cesar

Britton and Dakota Cesar

Lane Leach

Wade Leach

Saige Leach

Hayden Leach

Cody and Jordan Cesar

Brad and Becky Leach

Breann Cesar

Anthony Stollsteimer

Arabella Stollsteimer

Ava Stollsteimer

Dante Gumke

Brittany White

Kylie White

Ryan Gumke

Peyton Sturtevant

Pearl Sturtevant

Presley Sturtevant

Great Great grandkids

Noah White

Easton Vansdale

Logan Cesar

Bjorn Leach

Bodey Leach

Arlo and Ailee Miller

Brixton Cesar

Dalton Cesar

Gatlon Cesar

Adalyn Cesar

Paxton Cesar

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“ How my heart aches. Always having you in my thoughts and prayers. I thoroughly enjoyed spending time with this incredible family in my youth. They played a pivotal part in my upbringing, without I would not be the person I am today. Many memories that I will hold in my Heart and Soul forever. Times change, but the people that we hold in our heart grow more endearing as one day passes into the next. One second to say I love you, one second to smile, one second for the first breath of life, one second for the last breath of life and one second for Eternal life. God Bless you all, always in my heart. 🙏🌹

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