## **RUTH MARY MONTER**

1927 - 2023



Ruth Mary Monter, 95, of San Marcos, Texas, left this world on January 27, 2023, to be with the Lord and her beloved husband Andrew F. Monter Sr. and their grandson, Lee Monter. She is survived by her children: Victoria A. (William A. III) Washington of Columbus, GA; Andrew R. Jr. (Bette Albrecht) Monter of Silver Creek, NY; Victor J. Monter of Fredonia, NY; Miranda L. (Roger L.) Combs of San Antonio, TX; Mary J. Monter of San Marcos, TX; and Alberta L. (Robert P.) Roth of Silver Creek, NY, her twelve grandchildren, thirteen great-grandchildren, and four great-great grandchildren. She enjoyed spending time with her family.

Ruth was born April 12, 1927, in Silver Creek, NY the daughter of the late Angelo and Anna (Perillo) Desko. Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her eight siblings, Amelia Valentine, Mary Jones, Peter Desko, Joanne Valentine, two infant twins, Carl and Joseph Desko, Carl Desko, and Althea Giacchino.

During the World War II era, the women who joined the workforce provided the aircraft, vehicles, weaponry, ammunition, and other material to win the war were referred to as "Rosie the Riveter". Ruth joined the U.S. government's Rosie the Riveter campaign and was recruited by the munitions industry making triggers for the guns for our American military forces.

Ruth married Andrew F. Monter on February 8, 1947. They were married for 58 years before Ruth became a widow on January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2005. She always kept his photo on her nightstand and carried his photo with her to her dining room table when she sat there and always kept a phot of him in her purse.

In 2019, Rosie the Riveters were collectively recognized for their contributions with a Congressional Gold Medal. Ruth was a member of Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church in San Marcos, Texas. She enjoyed volunteering and helping others in the community. During her time in Texas, she volunteered in activities to support the San Antonio Police Department, San Antonio Fire Department, Children's Hospital, Ronald McDonald House, Center for Health Care Crisis, San Antonio Food Bank, Blue Santa Program, the Lone Star Paws 4 A Cause, food drives and toy drives. Her hobbies included BINGO, crossword puzzles, crafts, gardening, canning, baking, cooking Sunday spaghetti dinners for the family, reading, and having good conversations.

Ruth died Friday (Jan. 27, 2023) at Ascension Seton Hays Hospital in Kyle, TX. A mass was celebrated at the San Fernando Cathedral in San Antonio, Texas at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 2, 2023. Father Ruben Garcia was the celebrant. Her pallbearers included: son-in-law, Roger Combs Sr.; grandsons, Roger Combs ii, Eric Washington, and William Washington; great-grandson, Darrin Washington; and family friend, Robert Parker. A viewing at Funeral Caring USA, Schertz, Texas followed shortly afterward.

Calling hours for New York's location will be held Wednesday, Feb. 8, from 10-1 p.m. at the McGraw-Kowal Funeral Home, 736 Central Ave., Dunkirk, NY. A funeral service will be held immediately after the calling hours at 1 p.m. Father Daniel Fiebelkorn will officiate. The entombment will be in the Assumption Mausoleum of St. Mary's Cemetery, Dunkirk, NY.

If you would like to add photos or memories to Ruth Monter's online obituary, search for her obituary at <a href="https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/legacyremembers/ruth-monter-obituary?id=39484919">www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/legacyremembers/ruth-monter-obituary?id=39484919</a>.