



Ruth Etta Buchner

August 10, 1930 - October 20, 2025

Ruth Etta Buchner, age 95, of Eagle Rock, MO passed away on Monday, October 20, 2025, at Cox-Monett in Monett, MO. She was born in Pierce City, MO on Sunday, August 10, 1930; daughter of Arthur and Rebecca (Hadley) Murray. She obtained an associate's degree from Christian College in Columbia. Ruth married Edward Buchner on Sunday, August 20, 1950, in Pierce City, MO. Mrs. Buchner worked as a soda jerk at Stotts Pharmacy, a teacher in a one-room schoolhouse in Seligman, and a para-legal in Chicago. She was always involved in social organizations and church groups. She participated in many community service activities. Mrs. Buchner went door-to-door for the Republican party the year Nixon was elected as President, was the Regional Coordinator for March of Dimes in Iowa and was co-founder/chairwoman of a clinic to provide healthcare for low-income people in Chicago Heights. She was a member of All Faith United Methodist Church in Eagle Rock, MO where she was active in the church and choir for many years. She and her husband, Edward, moved often but she always found a way to be involved in service organizations that helped others. She also found joy when participating in activities with others. She was in a book club in Eagle Rock and was a part of the bridge club, which was a group of ladies who enjoyed doing things together. She liked baking cakes and spending time with family. She impacted many lives.

Surviving are the following: one son, William "Bill" Arthur Buchner and wife,

Kendra, of Eagle Rock, MO; five grandchildren, Edward (Cari) Buchner, Miranda (Kirby) Haaby, Zachery (Jamie) Steiner, Ali Steiner, and Abby (Gonzalo) Contreras; and four great-grandchildren, William Buchner, Kaylan Marler, Calvin Buchner, and Sydney Haaby.

Mrs. Buchner was preceded in death by her husband, Edward Buchner; daughter, Rebecca Steiner and husband, Robert; parents, Arthur and Rebecca Murray; and a brother, Arthur Robert "Bob" Murray and wife, Phyllis.

Graveside services will be at Pierce City Cemetery on Sunday, October 26, 2025, beginning at 2:00 PM with Pastor Bill Kenagy officiating. Arrangements are under the personal care and direction of Lakin Funeral Home in Pierce City, MO.

Cemetery Details

Pierce City Cemetery

Pierce City, MO 65723

Previous Events

Graveside Service

OCT **26**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Andy & Rita (Taylor) Nash purchased the Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." for the family of Ruth Etta Buchner.



Andy & Rita (Taylor) Nash - February 05 at 02:09 PM

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“ Andy & Rita (Taylor) Nash planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ruth Etta Buchner.

Andy & Rita (Taylor) Nash - February 05 at 02:09 PM

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“ I will always be grateful to Ruth Etta for selling us their land at the corner of 1040 and 2220 many years ago. Mike and I made our home there after purchasing Town and Country Supermarket in the late 1970's. Thank you Ruth Etta. Sincerely, Carolyn Flummerfelt

Carolyn Flummerfelt - October 25, 2025 at 11:20 AM

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“ *A Faithful Goodbye to Ruth*

With reverence and love, we say goodbye to Ruth, a cherished friend, a woman of grace, and a quiet pillar of strength. Her life was woven into ours through decades of friendship, laughter, and shared memories. Our hearts hold deep gratitude for the bond she shared with our family, especially the sacred connection between her beloved husband and my father, brothers in arms during World War II, Ruth and my Mom, Marguerite, sisters in time of war and kindred spirits in peace.

Ruth walked in faith, and now she walks in glory. We trust she has entered the eternal embrace of our Lord, where sorrow is no more and joy is everlasting. May the angels welcome her with songs of peace, and may the light of Christ shine upon her soul.

We will remember Ruth in the rustle of autumn leaves, in the quiet strength of prayer, and in the stories passed down through generations. Her kindness, her devotion, and her gentle spirit remain with us.

Our meeting was surreal, a blessing meant to be.

Until we meet again, Dear Ruth, rest in the arms of God.

Love you much,

Monique (& Jacquie)

Monique Anne Balcavage Derfler - October 22, 2025 at 10:12 PM

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Our deepest condolences to the family and dear friends of Ruth.

Monique Anne Balcavage Derfler - October 23, 2025 at 03:02 AM