My Thoughts Through Time

A Keepsake for

Ruth

Grandparent Edition · 2026

"The Same Questions. A Lifetime of Answers."

In Ruth's Own Words

1. Where do you feel most at peace?
   On my back porch with a cup of tea, watching the birds at the feeder.

2. What brings you joy these days?
   Phone calls from my grandchildren and Sunday dinners with the whole family.

3. How do you love to spend your time?
   Gardening, especially my roses, and quilting.

4. What word describes this chapter of your life?
   Grateful

5. Who means the most to you right now?
   My husband Walter, our three children, and our seven grandchildren.

6. What dream still lives inside you?
   To finish a quilt for each one of my grandchildren.

7. What are you most proud of?
   Raising a loving family and being married to Walter for 52 years.

Ruth has spent a lifetime growing roses, family, and love, and this chapter is filled with gratitude for all of it. Her quilts and her 52 years with Walter are a legacy her grandchildren will carry with them always.

Roses, Quilts, and Sunday Dinners

On her back porch, with a warm cup of tea,
Ruth watches the birds, as content as can be.
They flutter and gather at the feeder with care,
And peace settles softly like light in the air.

Her joy is a grandchild's voice on the phone,
A call that reminds her she's never alone.
And Sunday dinners with the whole family there,
With love passed around like the bread at each chair.

She kneels in the garden where her roses grow,
And tends every bloom in the sun's gentle glow.
Then quilting, with stitches set square after square,
She pieces together the love that lives there.

If asked for one word for this chapter so dear,
"Grateful," says Ruth, and her meaning is clear.
For all she has given and all she has known,
A heart full of thanks for the life she has grown.

There's Walter, her husband, so steady and true,
And their three dear children she loves through and through,
And seven grandchildren, each one a delight,
Who make every day feel so warm and so bright.

Her dream is a quilt for each grandchild to keep,
To wrap them in love when they rest or they sleep.
With fifty-two years at her Walter's side,
A loving family is her greatest pride.

My Life in Pictures

The people, places, and moments I love

Place a photo here

Place a photo here

Place a photo here

A Favorite Memory

One picture from this chapter of my life

Place a photo here

Who is in this picture?

What do I want to remember?

A Few Things About Me

In Ruth's own hand

Where I grew up

The people who shaped me

A lesson life has taught me

Something that always makes me smile

A Letter to Someone I Love

Dear _____,

With love, _____

Words for the Future

For the ones who come after me

What I hope you will always remember

What I wish for you

The best advice I can give

The Same Questions, Years From Now

Answer again someday, and see how your story has grown

Date: _____

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6. What dream still lives inside you?

7. What are you most proud of?

Messages From the People I Love

Family and friends, leave a note or a signature

From: _____

From: _____

From: _____

From: _____

From: _____

From: _____

A keepsake for who I am today,
and for those who will remember.

Made with love, for now and for later.

Gifted by: _____

Date: _____

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