



# **Ruth Rosemarie Wiedemann Forkum Goad**

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**R**uth Rosemarie Wiedemann Forkum Goad, age 96 went to be with her Lord and Savior on Wednesday, December 18, 2024, at Golden Lodge Assisted Living in Golden, Colorado.

She was born in Bremen, Germany on February 29, 1928, to Henrik and Anna Wiedemann. Ruth was an unassuming Lady with a TRUE SURVIVOR mentality. She was a child of World War II, lived through a European depression, as a child she survived her family home being destroyed, she lost her older Brother (Henrik Wiedemann) during the WWII and even lived in a German Youth Home for a time. She met her husband, John in Germany (d. September 22, 1969), married and moved to the United States in 1949. Ruth had three children, SSGT Garry M Forkum (d. December 22, 1968), Wayne Forkum and Pamela Forkum Pickens. Ruth lost her oldest son Garry (Viet Nam) and her husband John in the span of one year and yet she never skipped a beat knowing that she had two remaining children to raise. Throughout her lifetime she dealt with many peaks and valleys but always picked up the pieces and moved on. Her quiet demeanor taught her children and loved ones: Stability, Love and Resilience.

Ruth was preceded in death by her parents, Henrik and Anna Wiedemann (Bremen, Germany), Brother, Henrik Wiedemann JR (Bremen, Germany), Sister, Marli and (Herbert Schultze SR. (Berlin, Germany), Herbert Schultze JR (Berlin, Germany). Her American Family included her husband, John O Forkum, Douglas D Forkum Sutton, Carl L Sutton and her Second Husband Don Goad.

Surviving are her Children, Wayne Forkum (Barbara) (Knoxville, TN) and Pamela Forkum Pickens (Morrison, CO), Grandchildren include Michael Pickens (Ashley) (Golden, CO), Anna Moss (Garrett) (Knoxville, TN), Alica Byram (Daniel) (Knoxville, TN) and many Great Grandchildren. Tanner Pickens, Jack Moss, Willa Moss, Lyla Moss, Ellie Moss, James Byram, John Byram, Emma Byram. In addition, she had nieces and nephews, Roger Sutton, Patrica Mattox (Butch) and a Great Niece Michelle Mattox. In Germany, she is survived by her (Niece) Marli



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Schultze, (Great Nephew) Jorg Schultz (Marli), (Great Niece) Anke Herzog and (Three Great Nieces), Leona, Karolin and Josephine (JoJo).

Her Celebration of Life will be held at Springhill Funeral Home, 5110 Gallatin Pike S, Nashville, Tennessee 37216. Ruth's final wishes were to be cremated and to have a Celebration of Life on Saturday, March 8th, 2025, at 12 PM-2 PM. The burial will be directly after the visitation and service at Springhill Cemetery.



## Events


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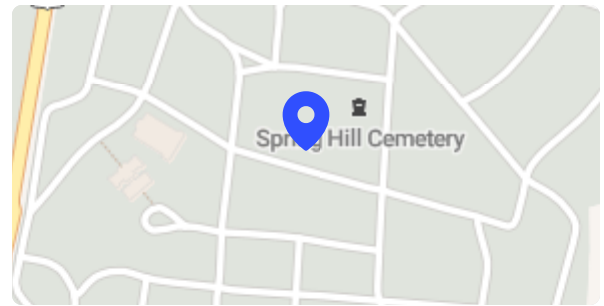
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#### Celebration of Life

 **Saturday**, March 8, 2025

 2:00 PM CT

 **Spring Hill Funeral Home**  
5110 Gallatin Road, Nashville TN 37216





## Tribute Wall

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EN

**Evie Newman** posted:

Pam and Wayne, I am so sorry for your loss of your precious mom. I picture her having kaffeeklatsch with my mom reminiscing about the all that they had come through in this life and making the Lord smile! Your mom was such a ray of sunshine. My fondest memory of her was when she drove down here to the Springs to visit my mom and Mrs Kitty. They decided to get an old time western picture done in Manitou. What a day that was! Sylvia and I had such a laugh watching them; they were like giggly girls playing dress up!! Even the photographer had fun working with them! I still have that picture on my bookcase!! I loved her, she was always smiling and had such a great sense of humor. We will see her again in heaven! We will all get together for kaffee and Schwartzwalder kirsch torte and reminisce about the good old days and make the Lord smile. ❤️

March 6 at 10:11 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Goad family.



March 5 at 10:34 PM

JC

**Jane Coats** posted:

Wayne and Barbara, I was so sorry to hear about Ruth's passing. She was always smiling and a joy to be around. Ruth and I traveled to Gatlinburg, Tn for a few days with a group of ladies from Bellshire United Methodist Church. Ruth was with me in my car and all the way up and back I learned about her life in Germany as a child including how she met her husband . I was so sad when she moved to Bolder, but I know she was glad to be with her daughter. Thank you for sharing her with Bellshire. Jane and Terry Coats

March 5 at 4:48 PM

KM

**Kitty, Sylvia & Marge** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Goad family.



March 2 at 8:39 PM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Ruth Rosemarie by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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