



## Virginia "Ruth" Houck

April 21, 1929 - January 7, 2016

Virginia "Ruth" Houck, age 86, of Wibaux, Montana passed away at the Wibaux County Nursing Home on Thursday, January 7, 2016. Visitation will be held from 1:00 P.M. until 5:00 P.M. and 6:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. on Monday, January 11, 2016 at the Silha Funeral Home in Wibaux. Visitation will also be held from 10:00 A.M. until 11:00 A.M. on Tuesday, January 12, 2016 at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Wibaux. Funeral Services will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Tuesday, January 12, 2016 at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Wibaux with Reverend Dana Holter officiating. Interment will follow services at the Wibaux Cemetery in Wibaux. Silha Funeral Home of Wibaux has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Ruth began her life on April 21, 1929 near Camel Hump, North Dakota. She was born to Charles A. and Virginia Katheryn (Myers) Moore. Virginia Ruth's father was a baker and cook who ran or owned several cafes in various towns in western North Dakota, including the "Beanery" in Marmouth, North Dakota. The family eventually purchased a home north of Wibaux, Montana.

Ruth, as she was commonly known, attended the Been School north of Wibaux. She graduated from Wibaux High School with the class of 1947.

On October 14, 1947 Ruth was united in marriage to Roy Houck in Wibaux.

The family lived in various towns, including Wibaux and Glendive, Montana and Carlyle, Montana before moving to Williston, North Dakota in 1957. In the fall of 1962, the family briefly moved to Portland, Oregon before returning to Wibaux in May of 1963. They then purchased a ranch north of Wibaux where

they lived and raised their family before moving into Wibaux in 1976.

Ruth led a challenging life. Her mother died when she was just fourteen years old. Her husband was a long-haul trucker so she was alone for long periods of time, during which she maintained the ranch and raised her family. Ruth experienced many rewards and tribulations of being a rancher's wife, including being trampled by a herd of stampeding cattle; being on the losing end of a confrontation between a Caterpillar D-8 dozer and her car and chasing a runaway pickup. Ruth worked throughout her entire life with stints in more than one restaurant. Her father had taught her to make wonderful merengue pies which were a big hit at the Palace Café. She also worked as a cook at the Wibaux County Nursing Home and as the Avon lady in Wibaux for many, many years. In the early 1980's Ruth had an unfortunate fall that required a hip replacement which was unsuccessful and caused her trouble for the rest of her life. Through it all Ruth remained a very cheerful person and was pleasant to everyone she met. She was a loving and caring wife, mother, grandmother and friend.

Virginia, as she preferred to be called later in life, was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Virginia Moore; her husband, Roy Houck and her older brother, Charles Keith Moore.

Virginia is survived and will be dearly missed by her son, Russell Houck of Wibaux; her daughter, Cathy Renee Bradley of Billings, Montana; three grandsons, Trevor (Casi) Houck, Spencer Bradley and Travis Bradley; a granddaughter, Rebecca (Joseph) Becker; and several great-grandchildren as well as nieces and nephews.

Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at: [www.silhafuneralhomes.com](http://www.silhafuneralhomes.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Wibaux Cemetery

Wibaux, MT 59353

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 11. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (MT)

Silha Funeral Homes - Wibaux, Montana  
204 South Wibaux Street  
Wibaux, MT 59353  
(406) 796-2421  
silha@midrivers.com

## Visitation

JAN 11. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (MT)

Silha Funeral Homes - Wibaux, Montana  
204 South Wibaux Street  
Wibaux, MT 59353  
(406) 796-2421  
silha@midrivers.com

## Visitation

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JAN 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (MT)

Trinity Lutheran Church  
123 E Street North  
Wibaux, MT 59353

## Service

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JAN 12. 11:00 AM (MT)

Trinity Lutheran Church  
123 E Street North  
Wibaux, MT 59353

# Tribute Wall



“ *Virginia "Ruth" Houck*

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *To the family of Virginia Houck,  
I am sorry for your loss. May you find comfort in knowing that  
"Jehovah is close to the brokenhearted; He saves those who are  
crushed in spirit." (Psalm 34:18) With sympathy,*

**Kelsey Lee** - January 11, 2016 at 11:11 AM



“ *Families of Kathy & John Lechler and Kim &  
Thad Scott purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet  
for the family of Virginia "Ruth" Houck.*



**Families of Kathy & John Lechler and Kim & Thad Scott** -  
January 10, 2016 at 11:05 PM



“ *Auntie Ruth was precious and will be remembered for her beautiful  
smile and big heart. She loved family and I am so proud she was  
part of mine! Kim Moore Scott*

**Kim Scott** - January 10, 2016 at 10:09 PM

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“ *Mona Sult, Jerry & Linda Gasho, Jake & Patsy Van Horn purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Virginia "Ruth" Houck.*



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**Mona Sult, Jerry & Linda Gasho, Jake & Patsy Van Horn -**  
January 09, 2016 at 03:00 PM

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“ *I always loved my Auntie Ruth, she was a kind gentle soul with never a cross word for anyone. She was a wonderful cook and made the best Waldorf salad in the world! Because of her, I love a good fruit salad! She could bake anything and it was perfect. I remember how much she enjoyed dancing and her colorful squaredance dresses. Heaven has gained a beautiful angel and those of us on Earth have lost a wonderful soul.*

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**Virginia Lechler -** January 09, 2016 at 11:15 AM

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“ *Carol Hanson lit a candle in memory of Virginia "Ruth" Houck*



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**Carol Hanson -** January 08, 2016 at 02:36 PM