

Priscilla Katherine Rulison, affectionately known as Tudie, passed away on January 17, 2025.

Born and raised in Manistee, Michigan, Tudie was a bright and dedicated student and was honored as the valedictorian of her class at Manistee High School. She pursued higher education at Michigan State University where she earned a degree in education. Tudie went on to inspire countless students as a high school English and Spanish teacher, sharing her love for language and literature.

In her spare time she was a talented painter and a voracious reader. She enjoyed the outdoors, swimming in the summer and skiing and figure skating in the winter. Tudie will be remembered for her love of and dedication to Manistee. She founded a bookstore, which has persisted on River Street under new ownership, sang with church choirs and the Manistee County Choral Society, and volunteered for several organizations across town including the Manistee Elks. She was baptized at Guardian Angels Church, now part of Divine Mercy Parish, where she was a longtime member deeply devoted to her faith and community.

She is survived by her children Elizabeth Buck (Keith), Aaron Rulison (Chen Dan) and Robert Rulison (Catherine Adams), ten grandchildren and five great grandchildren. Preceding her in death is her husband John G Rulison, her parents Robert Joseph Wellman and Virginia Isabelle Wellman nèe Jacobus, three sisters and a brother.

Rite of Committal and Christian burial services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 17, 2025, at Mt. Carmel Cemetery in Manistee. Graveside services will be led by Rev. James Bearss of Divine Mercy Parish with musical accompaniment by Kelly Niles.

The Herbert Funeral Home of Manistee is assisting with local arrangements.