



## Ruth Ann Uppena

February 26, 1941 - April 20, 2023

Dodgeville / Milwaukee – Ruth Ann Uppena, age 82, passed away on Thursday, April 20, 2023 at Mel's Haven in Dodgeville, WI.

She was born on February 26, 1941, to Robert L. and Helen K. (Esser) Uppena in Lancaster, WI. She grew up on the family farm near Bloomington, WI and attended St. Mary's Catholic Grade School, Bloomington High School, and Platteville State University, where she received Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in Elementary Education. Ruth taught elementary education in the Oconomowoc, WI School System, at RAF Upper Heyford Elementary School in England, and at Glenwood Elementary School in Greenfield, WI. Throughout her life, she traveled extensively and made fast friends wherever she went. Ruth spent many hours researching family genealogy. She had a deep faith and was active in her church community. Ruth retired from teaching in June of 1998.

Ruth recently moved to Dodgeville, WI to be closer to her family. She is survived by her brothers Peter (Ann) Uppena, Msgr. James J. Uppena, Robert John (Ruth C.) Uppena; her sisters Mary (Stanley) Weed, Joanne Dalsoren and Jeanne (John) Cordts; numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, and great great nieces.

She was preceded in death by her parents, brother-in-law Roger Dalsoren, and lifelong friend Dr. Raymond Scheets.

Ruth was a wonderful sister to her siblings, serving as a role model to them throughout her life. She dedicated herself to her family, friends, and former students, remembering every birthday and milestone, making each feel special.

The family would like to thank the staff at Stonefield Apartment Homes & Health Services, Upland Hills Hospice, and Mel's Haven for their compassionate care of our sister.

A Memorial Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, April 28,

2023 at ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH in Dodgeville. Friends may call from 10:00 a.m. until 11:20 a.m. on Friday at the church. Private Family Inurnment will be held in St. Charles Cemetery in Cassville.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to Upland Hills Hospice, to a classroom via [donorschoose.org](https://donorschoose.org), or to a charity of your choice.

Class dismissed, Miss Uppena.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Cemetery

Cassville, WI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 28. 10:00 AM - 11:20 AM (CT)

St. Joseph's Catholic Church  
405 S. Dacotah Street  
Dodgeville, WI 53533

## Mass of Christian Burial

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# Tribute Wall

KK

“ I'll remember Ruth, she was my friend and roommate when we were teachers in England in 1966/67. We have kept in touch for all the years since then. I will miss her forever. May God bless her family.

*Kathy Kirkpatrick - from Oregon*

Kathleen Kirkpatrick - April 29, 2023 at 08:13 PM

KZ

“ Miss Uppena impacted my life greatly and is the only elementary teacher I remember. She had a way of making everybody feel loved and like they mattered. She will be missed by many.

Kelly Zavala - April 27, 2023 at 10:06 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ruth Ann Uppena.



April 27, 2023 at 12:15 AM

JF

“ Sorry to hear about Ruth. I really enjoyed talking to her when visiting Joanne and Jeanne. She always had time for us younger kids. Jane (Schmidt) Farmer

Jane Farmer - April 25, 2023 at 04:40 PM

Jeanne Cordts

“ 5 files added to the album Through the Years



Jeanne Cordts - April 24, 2023 at 07:08 PM

Jeanne  
Cordts

“ 14 files added to the album *Through the Years*



Jeanne Cordts - April 24, 2023 at 11:54 AM

JD

*Ruth used to babysit for us. Enjoyed these pictures. Our sympathies to all of your family. Judy Schmidt Drone and siblings.*

Judy Drone - April 24, 2023 at 04:18 PM

PG

*Ruth was a wonderful loving friend. We use to attend Curves together and our genealogy group meetings. In summer we would share our garden produce with her and she loved them. She will be truly missed and the heavens have gained a beautiful angel.*

*Pat Greco & Mary Hotelling*

Pat Greco - April 27, 2023 at 08:50 PM