



Ruth L. Hitz

March 21, 1947 - December 3, 2025

Ruth L. Hitz, 78, of Lebanon passed away on Wednesday, December 3, 2025. She was the wife of Robert L. Hitz to whom she was married 57 years. Born in Lebanon, she was a daughter of the late Henry C. and Dorothy A. (Wenger) Heagy. Ruth was a 1965 graduate of Annville-Cleona High School and worked alongside her husband as they owned and operated Hitz Farm Market. She was a member of Fontana Chapel where she was a Sunday school teacher, enjoyed baking, and volunteered in the sewing group at Hebron United Methodist Church in Lebanon.

In addition to her husband Robert, she is survived by two daughters Rebecca, wife of Tad Barnhart, and Rochell "Shelly" Hitz; four grandchildren Katelyn, wife of Jordan Copenhaver, Caleb Barnhart, Benjamin Barnhart and wife Sarah, and Joy Barnhart; six great-grandchildren Trinity Copenhaver, Charity Copenhaver, Liberty Copenhaver, Josiah Copenhaver, Blaire Barnhart, and Mallory Barnhart; four sisters Della, wife of Carl Grubb, Elva, wife of Walt Allen, Thelma, wife of Tom Sidebotham, and Alice "Skeet", wife of Jay Fittery; six brothers Glenn Heagy and wife Carol, Edward Heagy and wife Geraldine, Lynwood Heagy and wife Valerie, Nelson Heagy and wife Joanne, Luke Heagy and wife Carol, and Sam Heagy and wife Jean. Ruth was preceded in death by a brother David Heagy.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held Saturday, January 3, 2026 at 10:30am from Fontana Chapel, 22 Fontana Ave., Lebanon, PA 17042. There will be no viewing or visitation prior to the service at the Church. A light lunch

will be provided following the service in the social hall where friends and family can visit Ruth's family. Interment will be held privately.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Fontana Chapel in her memory.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JAN 3. 10:30 AM (ET)

Fontana Union Chapel
22 Fontana Avenue
Lebanon, PA 17042

Tribute Wall

JK

“ I only became aware of Ruth’s death two weeks ago. I want to extend my deepest condolences to you and your family. Took a little time for me to wrap my head around the fact that Ruth is no longer with you. I can only imagine the devastation you felt when you got the news I will always remember Ruth as someone who could make a conversation with just about anybody. The last thing I did was Ruth was take her and Janet Forney Wenger to New York for the day. Which end ended up costing you a lot of money because they tow her car. I’m just feeling bad that I didn’t make it to the memorial service like I said, I only found out about her death. They’re tragedy of it all wouldn’t have needed to happen. Again, my deepest sympathy. JoAnn Kreider.

Joanne Kreider - February 07 at 09:06 PM

PD

“ Patty Domjahn lit a candle in memory of Ruth L. Hitz



Patty Domjahn - December 19, 2025 at 10:49 AM

PD

“ I am going to miss seeing and talking with Ruth at Ladies sewing group, Hebron Church. There's an empty chair, where she laughed, did sew, talked, and shared her thoughts. She quoted scripture when I needed advice. She made fidget blankets for nursing homes. My prayers to her family.

Patty Domjahn - December 19, 2025 at 10:44 AM

SG

“ Ruth was a wonderful neighbor and friend. She will be greatly missed.

Sandy Gipe

Sandy Gipe - December 15, 2025 at 11:37 AM

RN

“ On behalf of the A-C Alumni Association, I send our deepest condolences to all of Ruth's family.

Rachel Noll - December 10, 2025 at 11:29 AM

FG

“ Bob, Becky and Shelly, you are surely in our prayers that God gives you peace that passes all understanding at this difficult time. Ruth was a very special woman who cared deeply about sharing her faith with others. She readily talked of her love for her Lord and wanted others to know of the salvation He provides. May God put His loving arms around you and draw you close to Himself. Frank and Ginny Graybill

Frank and Ginny Graybill - December 09, 2025 at 09:24 PM

BT

Bob ,Becky Shelley and family. You are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.We miss seeing Ruth at Campmeeting. Always enjoyed seeing her .

Bill and Deb Tice - December 10, 2025 at 07:07 PM

KB

Bobby, Becky, Shelly and family. The Shifflett family sends our thoughts and prayers. We remember the Hitz family reunions where we always had a great time of fellowship. God bless you and give you peace at this difficult time

Kay Shifflett Brightbill

Kay Brightbill - December 11, 2025 at 11:23 AM