



Ruth Miller

April 22, 1918 - October 4, 2015

Ruth Miller, 97 of Carroll, died Sunday, October 4, 2015 at the Hawkeye Care Center in Carroll, Iowa.

Funeral services will be held at 6 p.m. Saturday, October 10, 2015 at the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll with Fr. Craig Collison from St. Lawrence Church in Carroll officiating. Music will be by Brenda Ashley. Burial will be in the Carroll City Cemetery.

Ruth's family will receive friends one hour prior to the service on Saturday at the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll and online condolences may be left for Ruth's family at www.sharpfuneral.com.

Ruth was born on April 22, 1918 at Dexter, Missouri, the daughter of Clarence Joseph and Maude Mary (Mossman) McDowell. She spent her younger years in Missouri and later moved with her family to Whitefish, Montana. Following the passing of her parents, Ruth was adopted and raised by Mary and Ed Cookingham.

On February 18, 1937, Ruth was united in marriage to Raymond Miller at Los Angeles, California. The couple lived in rural Pipestone, Minnesota from 1942-

1954. In 1954, Ray and Ruth purchased the Ben Franklin Store in Sioux City and operated the store until 1967 when they purchased Coast to Coast in Mapleton which they operated until their retirement in 1975.

The couple resided in Okoboji from 1972 until 1992 when they moved to the Carroll community. Ray and Ruth also spent 27 years wintering in Arizona. Ruth enjoyed knitting, crocheting, baking and spending time with her entire family.

Ruth is survived by her daughters: Pat Schebler and her husband Pete of Davenport, Judy Curry and her husband Dr. Lynn of Carroll, and Peggy Bata and her husband John of Urbandale; 13 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; 5 great-great-grandchildren; as well as other extended relatives.

Ruth was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Raymond Miller in 2011; her daughter, Sharon Lohse and her husband Bill; her granddaughter, Susan Ludwig in 2011 as well as her siblings.

Tribute Wall



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ruth Miller.*



October 10, 2015 at 10:59 AM



“ *Grandma would send birthday cards that always had a letter on the back. It was great to get to read about her day or week. I still have most of them! Love you Grandma!!*

Nicole Poling - October 10, 2015 at 09:40 AM



“ *I always enjoyed talking to Ruth. She was such a pleasant, interesting person. My sympathies for your loss, for it is a great loss even at her advanced age. It's the loss of the mother who raised you and the woman we knew.*

Phyllis Maddox - October 09, 2015 at 12:34 PM



“ *The Eldon Millers Myra ,Richard ,Vera,Marilyn, Betty&John purchased the Simply Elegant Spathi phyllum for the family of Ruth Miller.*



The Eldon Millers Myra ,Richard ,Vera,Marilyn, Betty&John -
October 07, 2015 at 04:47 PM



“ *Orange and Yellow Sunflower Mix (Silk Cemetery Flowers) was purchased for the family of Ruth Miller.*



October 07, 2015 at 02:26 PM



“ *To Ruth Miller's family,
We are saddened to hear of the death of your Mother, Ruth. We will always treasure the neighborhood memories we had with Ruth & Ray on Benjamin St. Sitting outside chatting, the laughs and stories, the walks, Ruth was such a kind and beautiful lady with a twinkle in her eye and a great smile. Our thoughts and prayers to all of the family...Cathy & Keith Lawyer and family.*

Cathy & Keith Lawyer - October 07, 2015 at 09:31 AM



“ *A beautiful person inside and out. Ruth had a heart of gold! She volunteered at RSVP for years and made a huge difference with her service! She always was busy and when she left, the back room looked amazing. We shared many good times and lots of laughter! I always admired her courage and strength. My sympathy to all her family....Deb Fahn*

Debra Fahn - October 07, 2015 at 08:17 AM

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“ Beautiful lady with a wonderful smile and a very large heart! Our family will always cherish the great memories of being neighbors. Thinking of the entire family.



Lynda & Keith Schirck Family - October 06, 2015 at 01:20 PM

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“ One of my greatest memories was of Ruth always baking cookies. She was very welcoming n wanted you to have coffee n visit. Anne Witowski

Anne Witowski - October 05, 2015 at 11:37 AM

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“ God has gained a beautiful angel today with the passing of Ruth.. She was the dearest friend, always a smile and ready to bring happiness to those with her!! Many wonderful memories she has left with me, never to be taken away. My prayers to her great family she loved so much, God, take good care and her and Ray ... Love to the family, Jacque Banks, Spirit Lake, Ia



Jacque Banks, "old neighbor " - October 04, 2015 at 07:47 PM