



Ruth Steinkamp

February 9, 1944 - January 9, 2024

Ruth Ann Steinkamp, 79 of Carroll, died Tuesday, January 9, 2024 at St. Anthony Regional Hospital in Carroll surrounded by her family.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m., Saturday, February 10, 2024 at Holy Spirit Church – St. John Paul II Parish in Carroll. The celebrant will be Fr. Terry Roder. Music will be by Kathy Halbur. Lectors will be Kyle Vonnahme and Nick Sauvageau. Gift Bearers will be Clayton Irlbeck and Kameron Minard. Eucharistic Minister will be Julie Steinkamp. Casket Bearers will be Jessica Sauvageau, Ashley Minard, Carissa Samuelson, Corynn Irlbeck, Rachel Walters, Kyle Vonnahme, and Ben Vonnahme. The Catholic Daughters of the Americas will form an honor guard for the Funeral Mass. Burial will be in St. Francis Cemetery in Maple River.

Visitation will be from 4-6 p.m. on Friday, February 9, 2024 at the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll with a Catholic Daughters of the Americas rosary at 6 p.m. Additional visitation will be from 9-9:45 a.m. on Saturday at the church. Funeral arrangements are under the guidance of the Sharp Funeral Home and online condolences may be left for Ruth's family at www.sharpfuneral.com.

Ruth was born on February 9, 1944 at St. Anthony Regional Hospital in Carroll, Iowa. She was the daughter of Lawrence and Margaret (Timmerman)

Venner. She spent her younger years on the family farm helping her mother garden and bake and her father with chores. She attended St. Francis of Assisi grade school and graduated from Kuemper Catholic High School. She enjoyed many adventures with her cousins at family outings.

On September 8, 1962 she was united in marriage to Dale Steinkamp at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Maple River by Rev. P.M. Mattes. They resided in Fertile, Iowa until 1976 when they moved to their home west of Carroll. This is where they raised their family. Ruth helped with the farming operation and also enjoyed much success selling World Book Encyclopedias. After their children left home, she began her career at American Home Shield and retired in 2011.

In 2002, Dale and Ruth moved to their new house in Carroll and enjoyed the years they shared there together. They enjoyed wintering in Arizona, traveling with relatives and spending time with their children and grandchildren. Throughout the years, many great memories were made at Okoboji with family and friends. Ruth also enjoyed Red Hat outings, grandchildren activities, her great grandkids, and crocheting. She has been known to play a mean game of cards.

She was a long time member of St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Maple River where she was active as a Eucharistic Minister, Lector, choir member and was instrumental in planning the 75th Jubilee for St. Frances. She then joined Holy Spirit parish in Carroll. She was very active with the Catholic Daughters of America, many, many card groups, and the Red Hat ladies.

Survivors include her children: Bob (Julie) Steinkamp of Arcadia, Kevin (Marie) Steinkamp of Logan, and Cathy (John) Vonnahme of Arcadia. Her grandchildren: Jessica (Nick) Sauvageau, Ashley (Kirt) Minard, Carissa (Andy) Samuelson, Corynn (Nick) Irlbeck, Rachel (Heath) Walters, Kyle

Vonnahme and Ben Vonnahme. Her great-grandchildren: Clayton, Gavin and Adelynn Irlbeck, JoAnna Samuelson, Kameron Minard, Foster Sauvageau and one expected this spring. Her brother and sisters-in-law: Marge Steinkamp of Ankeny, Lois Sturm of Carroll, John Steinkamp of Gowrie, and Rita Roth of Fort Dodge as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins, extended relatives and many friends.

Ruth was preceded in death by her husband Dale, her parents, her son Randy, her daughter-in-law Barb (Green), her in-laws: Norville (Lucy), Ivan, Merle, Donald (Mary Ann), Anita, Roger, Irene (John) Sturm, Deloris (Ed) Sturm, Duane (Delores), Gene (Marilyn), Bert Sturm and Dave Roth.

Tribute Wall

NK

“ *Cathy and John you have our heart felt sympathy. Nolan & Mari Kreft*

Nolan & Mari Kreft - February 08, 2024 at 02:57 PM

JR

“ *Julie n Dale , an all your families , I know it's hard to say good by ,just know mother is at peace
The burial nmass has been moved to the tenth I'm told. Reen n I will be gone n miss my classmates services ! Sorry but please know our prayers are with you. Jerry '62*

jerry rupiper - January 25, 2024 at 01:50 PM

SW

“ *Ruth always had a smile on her face and was so easy to talk to. She was a person who made the world a better place. Prayers to her and her family.*

Sheri Wanninger - January 22, 2024 at 01:26 PM

TG

“ *Growing up with Ruth's kids I always appreciated the way Ruth took the time to be present for her family and everyone they brought home with them. She was always genuinely interested in others and in what was going on with them. She will be missed by many and fond memories of her will not far away.*

Tom Gross - January 16, 2024 at 10:34 AM

LT

“ Ruth was a special friend. Ruth joined are Red Hat ladies 19 years ago. .We made alot of memories and fun times all those years. We will miss you Ruth. Keeping you and your family in my prayers. Love the Red Hat Specials Ladies . Linda Tunning

Linda Tunning - January 13, 2024 at 10:32 AM

BM

“ I am so sorry to learn of Ruth's passing. She was always so happy and it was always nice to visit with her. She will be missed.

Becki Miller - January 12, 2024 at 04:53 PM

LV

“ I am so sorry to hear of Ruth's passing! Worked with Ruth at AHS and so enjoyed her company! She was a wonderful lady!

Luci Vetter-Mooney - January 12, 2024 at 04:05 PM

JK

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I always loved chatting with your mom. You are in our thoughts and prayers at this most difficult time.

Jean Killeen

Jean Killeen - January 12, 2024 at 09:51 AM

MF

“ I enjoyed working with Ruth for many years. She was a great friend.

Mary Ferneding - January 11, 2024 at 02:09 PM

BV

“ So sorry to hear of Ruth passing away. We had so many wonderful times at Catholic Daughters. We appreciated so much her time as an officer and help with so many projects throughout the years. She will truly be missed.

Bev Vonnahme - January 11, 2024 at 12:59 PM

LW

“ Our sympathies to the families. Keeping everyone in our thoughts and prayers. Steve & Louie Wieland

Louie Wieland - January 11, 2024 at 10:26 AM

PS

“ My deepest sympathy to Ruth’s family! Enjoyed working with her in Catholic Daughters.
Pat Sanders

Pat Sanderd - January 10, 2024 at 07:26 PM

BH

“ Julie and Bob and family, our deepest sympathies.
Mark & Barb

Barb Hoffman - January 10, 2024 at 07:09 PM

AT

“ Ruth was the first person I sat with when I worked at AHS. She was a very kind lady. So sorry for your loss.

Amy Thobe - January 10, 2024 at 05:51 PM

JR

“ Sorry to hear Ruth’s passing! She was a classmate thru kuemper n a true friend always Bob n Julie you have our sympathy God bless

jerry rupiper - January 10, 2024 at 04:21 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ruth Steinkamp.



January 10, 2024 at 02:50 PM

JC

“ I recently got to spend some time with Ruth when she was in the hospital in Omaha. We had some really nice conversations about our parents and our families. She was a wonderful person and I will miss her.

Jane Carrothers - January 10, 2024 at 01:34 PM

GB

A special cousin who was also a gracious host when we visited from out of town. We will miss her smile and warm heart. RIP Gary & Virginia Bellinghausen.

Gary & Virginia F Bellinghausen - January 10, 2024 at 11:49 PM

KA

I enjoyed working with Ruth over the many years in Catholic daughters. Ruth was always a cheerful, willing officer and member! I cannot the any of the services as we winter in the South. When Someone you Love Becomes a Memory....The Memory Becomes a Treasure. Sympathy and Prayers... Court St. Rose of Lima #6 has lost a treasured member!

Kaye Stock Arndorfer - January 11, 2024 at 01:21 PM

NB

Our deepest sympathy to the family. Ruth was my dearest cousin and friend. I will miss her and all the great times we had together. Norma & Steve Baumhover

Norma Baumhover - January 11, 2024 at 02:31 PM

DF

Sending my sympathy to Ruth's family. My prayers and thoughts are with you now and in the weeks to come. I'm so glad to have had the opportunity to spend time with her at the family reunion in Aug. She was always a cheerful person who would stop to chat to with you after church or wherever we would run into each other. Rest now in God's loving embrace. Donna Friel

Donna Friel - January 11, 2024 at 07:39 PM