



Ruth Marie Roberts

July 7, 1924 - January 2, 2024

Ruth Roberts, 99, of Oskaloosa, passed away Tuesday, January 1, 2024, at the Mahaska Health Hospice Serenity House.

Ruth Marie Roberts, daughter of Hugh Lucian Hunter and Zella Christine Hoover, was born July 7, 1924, in Oskaloosa, Iowa. Ruth was a 1943 graduate of Oskaloosa High School. After graduation, she attended Deaconess Hospital Nursing School in Marshalltown, Iowa, graduating in 1946. On June 15, 1946, she married her lifelong sweetheart and the love of her life, Richard F. Roberts. They lived in Lincoln, Nebraska, where Ruth enjoyed nursing for three years; their first child, Rick, was born in Lincoln. After moving back to Oskaloosa, Ruth and Richard were blessed with a second child, Dyanne. On June 15, 1958, Richard passed away very suddenly from a massive heart attack. Ruth's primary focus was raising her family; her children and grandchildren were her delights. Ruth was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, Red Hats Society, and the First Christian Church. Ruth volunteered for many years at Mahaska Health, where she worked in the gift shop. She enjoyed knitting and especially spending time with her family. Ruth was thankful for her family and many friends; she was especially thankful for her daughter Dyanne's attentive and loving care.

Ruth's family includes her children, Dyanne and her husband, Gary McKeag, of Oskaloosa; her three grandchildren: Danielle (Ben) Mullineaux of Rosco, IL, Bradley (Jessica) McKeag of Eddyville and John (Emily) McKeag of Oskaloosa and seven great-grandchildren: Gavin, Fiona, Theo, Ben, Ryker,

Elaina and Axton.

Ruth was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Richard; her son, Richard Roberts, and his wife, Judy; and a special friend of over 62 years, Carl McMurray.

Funeral services for Ruth will be held at 10:30 a.m., Friday, January 5, 2024, at Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory; Pastor Molly Goodrich of the First Christian Church will officiate. Burial will be in Forest Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Thursday; the family will greet visitors from 9:30 a.m. to service time on Friday. Memorial contributions can be made to The Shriners Hospital for Children or the Mahaska Health Foundation for the Hospice Serenity House.

Cemetery Details

Forest Cemetery

934 North 9th ST
Oskaloosa, IA 52577
secretary@forestcemetery.com
<http://www.forestcemetery.org/>

Previous Events

Open Visitation

JAN 4. 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

LC

“ *Linda Cain lit a candle in memory of Ruth Marie Roberts*



Linda Cain - January 12, 2024 at 11:06 AM

LC

“ *So very sorry to hear of Ruth's passing. Her and my Mother, (also Ruth) were friends their entire life. My Mom is 98 and they went all through school together and kept in contact for more than 70 years. I had talked to her just a few days before she passed as she was so concerned about my mom as she was in the hospital too. My mom will miss her so much and so upset at her passing. She was a wonderful friend and know she will be missed by many. My heart goes out to her family and other friends.*
Linda Cain and Ruth Cook

Linda Cain - January 12, 2024 at 11:05 AM

KL

“ *Dyanne and family,*
I knew your mom since grade school. I loved that at Christmas you guys always had a silver Christmas tree with the color light wheel. I thought that was so cool. Love and hugs to you my dear friend I



Kathy Larsen - January 05, 2024 at 10:00 AM

DM

“ Condolences to the McKeag and other family members of Ruth's. I enjoyed talking with Ruth when she would be doing "samples" at HyVee. She was a hoot to be around. Thinking of you all with sorrow in our hearts.

Sincerely, Bruce & Donna McBurney and boys.

Donna L McBurney - January 05, 2024 at 01:15 AM

BT

“ Brenda Todd lit a candle in memory of Ruth Marie Roberts



Brenda Todd - January 04, 2024 at 05:04 PM

VW

“ Dyanne,, the memory of your mom that comes to mind when I think of her is the time she and my parents sabotaged your Mustang when we were teenagers so we couldn't drive to Kansas City. Every time I saw her after that, we had a good laugh about it. She was so special, my second mom, as I would call her, and this world will miss her. RIP Ruth. Hugs to you and your family.

Vicki West - January 04, 2024 at 10:50 AM



So very sad to hear of Ruth's passing. She was very active until the end and had a lot of energy for doing what she could. I will miss her and remember my conversations with her.

Karen Converse - January 17, 2024 at 09:22 PM

DC

“ So Deeply Sorry for the loss of your mom / grandma. Ruth had a Heart of gold. I don't think she ever met a stranger. I met Ruth years ago through my husband . Any time Ruth had some thing wrong with her car , she'd go see Richard. Her eyes always sparkled when she spoke of her family. Rest in Peace Ruth 🙏

Diana Crook - January 03, 2024 at 11:27 PM

MR

“ My deepest sympathy to her family. Ruth was a joy to work with. She amazed me at her joy of life and adventure.

Mary Ruffridge - January 03, 2024 at 09:05 PM

LD

“ Thinking of you at this sad time w/our sympathies to you ❤️ Linda N John Dixon Olathe Ks



Linda N John Dixon - January 03, 2024 at 10:11 AM

JE

“ Jill Ewing lit a candle in memory of Ruth Marie Roberts



Jill Ewing - January 03, 2024 at 09:53 AM

BF

“ *Bev Floden lit a candle in memory of Ruth Marie Roberts*



bev floden - January 03, 2024 at 09:48 AM

BF

when you say Lady to Ruth, it should be all in capital letters, because she was a LADY in her own way. did not know her well, but enjoyed her very much.

bev floden - January 03, 2024 at 09:52 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ruth Marie Roberts.*



January 03, 2024 at 09:37 AM

SS

“ *Dyanne and family, so sorry for the loss of your mother. She led a full life and you have many wonderful memories to look back on. Prayers for you and your family. Susan Frost Salevsky*

Susan Frost Salevsky - January 02, 2024 at 08:47 PM

MB

“ *Marty Burke lit a candle in memory of Ruth Marie Roberts*



Marty Burke - January 02, 2024 at 06:39 PM

MB

So sorry for your loss. She was a friend for many years

Marty Burke - January 02, 2024 at 06:40 PM

MA

“ *Mary Anderson lit a candle in memory of Ruth Marie Roberts*



Mary Anderson - January 02, 2024 at 05:41 PM

CC

“ *1 file added to the album memories of Ruth*



Cassie Chapman - January 02, 2024 at 04:24 PM

VW

Ruth, the one memory that comes to mind when I think of you is the time you and my parents sabotaged Dyanne's Mustang when we were teenagers so we couldn't drive to Kansas City. Everytime I saw you after that, we had a good laugh about it. You are special and will be missed. RIP. ❤️❤️❤️

Vicki West - January 02, 2024 at 10:16 PM

JS

I am so very sorry to learn of Ruth's passing. My mother, Fran Hoyt, was a friend of your mothers. They met through the Holthaus' from Clarion. All golfers. I then met Ruth through my mother. I also lived in Oskaloosa for 30 years, so would occasionally run into Ruth. My deepest sympathy to your family.

Jane Hoyt Sieren - January 05, 2024 at 10:01 AM