

*R*uth Ann McDonough, age 87, of Schaller, Iowa, died Friday, August 31, 2007 at Buena Vista Regional Medical Center in Storm Lake, Iowa.

Ruth Ann Potter was born March 20, 1920 in Algona, Iowa, the daughter of Dr. Loren Ray and Lila (Harris) Potter. She was baptized as an infant and later confirmed her faith as a youth in the Methodist Church. Ruth Ann graduated from Schaller High School in 1938 and continued her education at Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa for one year and then for two more years at Coe College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. She also attended American Institute of Business in Des Moines, Iowa.

On December 21, 1944, Ruth Ann was united in marriage to Charles LaDon McDonough at the First Presbyterian Church in Schaller. The couple was blessed with three children: John, Jim and Jean.

Ruth Ann and LaDon farmed near Schaller their entire married life until their retirement. Ruth Ann was a devoted mother who kept a warm and comfortable home for her family, a home where family and friends were always welcomed. A faithful member of First Presbyterian Church in Schaller, Ruth Ann was very involved in her church, serving as clerk of Session and Sunday School teacher for many years. She was a 4-H leader for numerous years, and was a member of Eastern Star and Clover Club. Ruth Ann also enjoyed playing cards and belonged to several bridge clubs. She and LaDon loved to be among people and they enjoyed their drives through the countryside together.

Ruth Ann's family was always her first priority and she treasured the time she was able to spend with her children and their families. Her quiet, caring ways will be dearly missed by all those who knew and loved her.

Left to cherish her memory are her son, John (Norma) McDonough of Early, Iowa; son Jim (Cathy) McDonough of Schaller; daughter Jean McDonough of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; grandchildren: Michele (Jason) Ronfeldt of Schaller; Melanie Currie (Adam Pyle) of Schaller; Mike McDonough and Mark McDonough, both of Schaller; and Jacob Anspach of Cedar Rapids; step-grandchildren: Cindy (Dan) Schroeder of Odebolt, Iowa; Rick Thies of Sac City, Iowa; and Chris and Jennifer Anspach of Cedar Rapids; great-grandchildren: Kayla, Tasha and Austin Ronfeldt;

Kaitlyn Currie, Courtney Pyle and Carson Wendel; step-great-grandchildren: Travis and Chelsea Schroeder; Justin, Kyle and Amanda Thies; Dallas and Melinda Thies; brother Jim (Marlys) Potter of Ames, Iowa; brother Don (Connie) Potter of Sioux City, Iowa; sister-in-law Inez McDonough of Boone, Iowa; extended family and many friends.

Ruth Ann was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, LaDon; her sister, Kay Creel; her two sisters-in-law, Marge Potter and Dodie Potter; daughter-in-law Joyce McDonough; step-grandson Randy Thies; and step-great-granddaughter Heather Schroeder.



Celebrating *A Special Life*



We wish to express our gratitude for the kindness evidenced in thought and deed, and for your attendance at this service. You are invited to join us for lunch and a time of fellowship at the church following the burial.



Ruth Ann's Family

**Ruth Ann
McDonough**

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Footprints

One night I had a dream —
I dreamed I was walking along the
beach with the Lord and
across the sky flashed scenes of my life.
For each scene I noticed two sets
of footprints in the sand.
One belonged to me and the other to the Lord.
When the last scene of my life flashed before me,
I looked back at the footprints in the sand.
I noticed that many times along the path of my life,
there was only one set of footprints.
I also noticed that it happened at the very lowest
and saddest times in my life.
This really bothered me
and I questioned the Lord about it.
“Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you,
you would walk with me all the way.
But I have noticed that during the most
troublesome times in my life
there is only one set of footprints.
I don’t understand why in times when I needed
you most, you should leave me.”
The Lord replied, “My precious, precious child,
I love you and I would never, never leave you.
During your times of trial and suffering,
when you saw only one set of footprints,
it was then that I carried you.”

— author unknown

IN MEMORY OF Ruth Ann McDonough

March 20, 1920  August 31, 2007

FUNERAL SERVICE

Tuesday, September 4, 2007 at 10:30 a.m.
First Presbyterian Church — Schaller, Iowa

CLERGY

Reverend Marvin Miller

ORGANIST

Karen Grieme

SOLOIST

Kevin Grieme

“On Eagle’s Wings”

“The Lord Is My Shepherd, I Shall Not Want”

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS

“How Great Thou Art”

“Old Rugged Cross”

HONORARY CASKETBEARERS

Michele Ronfeldt, Kayla Ronfeldt, Tasha Ronfeldt, Austin Ronfeldt

CASKETBEARERS

Mark McDonough, Mike McDonough, Jason Ronfeldt, Mike Potter
Rick Thies, Dan Schroeder, Jeff McDonough

FLOWER COMMITTEE

Bonnie Currie, Audrey Currie, Phyllis Ayers

INTERMENT

Cook Center Township Cemetery — Schaller, Iowa



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New Wings

I just wanted to let you know that
I made it home.
The journey wasn’t an easy one,
but it didn’t take too long.
Everything is so pretty here,
so white, so fresh and new.
I wish that you could close your
eyes and that you could see it, too.
Please try not to be sad for me.
Try to understand.
God is taking care of me...
I’m in the shelter of his hands.
Here there is no sadness,
no sorrow, and no pain.
Here there is no crying, and I’ll
never hurt again.
Here it is so peaceful when all
the angels sing...
But I really have to go now...
I just have to try my new wings!

— author unknown