



Ruby Magnuson

July 9, 1927 - November 9, 2020

Ruby Magnuson, age 93, of Alta, Iowa died on Monday, November 9, 2020 at the Methodist Manor Retirement Community in Storm Lake.

Memorial services will be Saturday, August 21, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Alta, Iowa. Condolences can be posted to the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home website (<https://www.fratzkejensen.com/>) or mailed to Kathryn Fuger, 8014 Summit Street, Lenexa KS 66215. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a memorial to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation (www.cf.org/), the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation (<https://www.crohnscolitisfoundation.org/>), the Alzheimer's Association (www.alz.org/), Trinity Lutheran Church of Alta, or an organization of the donor's choice. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Alta is in charge of the arrangements.

Ruby Irene Magnuson was born July 9, 1927, at the home of her grandparents in Floyd, Iowa, delivered by her grandfather, Dr. E. A. Nash. She was the daughter of Lewis and Bessie Brees of Peterson, Iowa.

She was baptized at First United Methodist Church in Peterson, Iowa. She attended school in Peterson, graduating in 1944 at the age of 16. She remained at home working at the local newspaper office for a year. She then moved to Storm Lake, Iowa, and was employed by Northwestern Bell Telephone Company for three years.

She was united in marriage to Carl Robert Magnuson of Alta on August 17, 1947, at First United Methodist Church in Peterson, Iowa. She became a farmer's wife in the Alta/Aurelia area. The couple eventually purchased a farm west of Alta. They were blessed with three children: Kathryn, Sharon, and Robert.

In 1971, Ruby and Bob moved to Alta, and Bob opened a Real Estate Office. After the children left home, Ruby took nurse's aide training at Buena Vista Hospital where she continued working a few years.

Ruby was a faithful member of Trinity Lutheran Church and took part in the Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America activities.

She was a charter member of the Alta Golf and Country Club, serving as Golf Chairman for two years. Ruby and Bob enjoyed playing golf together and going to tournaments for many years. Ruby even had a hole-in-one twice.

After retirement, Ruby and Bob took several bus tours and wintertime vacations in Arizona.

Other activities she enjoyed were bowling, crosswords, playing card games with friends, and bridge clubs. She especially treasured being with family.

In the last year of her life, Ruby moved to WEL-Life Assisted Living at Alta and then Methodist Manor Retirement Community in Storm Lake, Iowa, where she received excellent care.

Those left to cherish her memory are: Children, Dr. Kathryn Fuger (Dr. James Brandt), Sharon Maguire (Frank), Robert Magnuson (Cheryl); Grandchildren, Kristen Jacobsen (Andrew), Ryan Fuger (Amy Hatch), Emily Magnuson;

Great-Grandchildren, Sydney Fuger, Maxwell Fuger, and step-great-granddaughter, Taylor Jacobsen; one nephew and three nieces.

Preceding her in death was her beloved husband of 65 years in 2014. Others were her parents, Lewis and Bessie Brees; brother, Harry; parents-in-law, Carl and Jennie Magnuson; two infant grandchildren; sister- and brother-in-law, Doris and Leonard Tierney; three nieces and one nephew.

Cemetery Details

Scandinavian Cemetery

5753 50th Ave
Alta, IA 51002

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall

MW

“ *Dear Magnuson Family,
On behalf of the entire Wall family, please accept our sincere
condolences. Your parents were such good friends and neighbors to
our parents, Jim and Pat Wall.
Michael Wall*

Michael Wall - August 18, 2021 at 08:42 AM

KF

*Michael, thank you so much for your kind words. My parents felt the
same way about your parents. Kathy Fuger*

Kathryn L Fuger - August 26, 2021 at 04:51 PM

GM

“ Dear Kathy!

My heart is with yours my friend! What a beautiful Mom you have and you got much of her looks!

Amazing life she has lived...what a celebration! 93 y/o wow!

Kathy, how grateful I am knowing you! I have learned thru your example the love of Christ, as you have served many in need. Your compassionate heart and kindness that you give to all, all God's children regardless...

May Father in heaven brings you peace and hope on this life and on the life to come. Your mom has been blessed having such a wonderful daughter!

As you know she has been called home to be reunited with many of her loved ones now...dear loved ones that have left, before us.

You are in my prayers my friend!

Gerardo R. Martinez~ UMKC- IHD~ ALIANZAS

Gerardo R Martinez - November 23, 2020 at 11:42 AM

KF

Gerardo, I'm so sorry that I did not see this message from you until now. We were able to have Mom's memorial service August 21, 2021 on a beautiful day. Thank you for these wonderful, inspiring, and kind words. Blessings to you for your heart of gold.

Kathy Fuger

Kathryn L Fuger - August 26, 2021 at 04:53 PM

JW

“ *I remember seeing rays old pickup around schaller he would always stop and say hi to anyone I was never really sure if that pickup had gas or ray was using his feet.rest in peace 🙌 ray.*

Jeff Watson - November 16, 2020 at 01:28 PM



“ *Joyce Chapman Rydstrom lit a candle in memory of Ruby Magnuson*



Joyce Chapman Rydstrom - November 11, 2020 at 06:17 PM

KF

Thank you Joyce. Kathy Fuger

Kathryn Fuger - November 17, 2020 at 08:46 PM

PM

“ *So many special memories of Ruby - some from lots of years ago and some from the past few years. Hugs to all of you at this difficult time.*

Patty Johnson Myers - November 11, 2020 at 01:09 AM

KF

*So glad she got to see you shortly before the end. Bless you, Patty.
Kathy Fuger*

Kathryn Fuger - November 17, 2020 at 08:47 PM

PH

“ *Pam Henderson lit a candle in memory of Ruby Magnuson*



Pam Henderson - November 10, 2020 at 08:44 AM

KF

Thank you, Pam.

Kathryn L Fuger - November 10, 2020 at 04:20 PM

CW

“ *Kathy and Family, so sorry to hear of Ruby's passing but know she is at peace. I really enjoyed getting to know her over the last few years. She was a great lady. Thinking of you all at this time. Cheryl and Delbert Winterhof*

Cheryl Winterhof - November 09, 2020 at 10:05 PM

KF

Mom so appreciated the chance to know you, too. Thanks for your thoughtfulness to her.

Kathryn L Fuger - November 10, 2020 at 04:19 PM

CG

Ruby was a special friend and I know she will be joining Bob in Heaven. I pray for the family and friends she leaves behind who knew and loved her. I will always remember the wonderful times we had together! Rest In Peace my friend, Carolyn Garrison

Carolyn Garrison - November 11, 2020 at 07:58 PM

KF

Carolyn, I am so happy to hear from you. Thank you for your kind words.

Kathryn Fuger - November 17, 2020 at 08:45 PM

LG

“ *Linda Glienke lit a candle in memory of Ruby Magnuson*



Linda Glienke - November 09, 2020 at 03:11 PM

KF

Thank you, Linda.

Kathryn L Fuger - November 10, 2020 at 04:20 PM

GW

Kathy, we are so sorry for your loss. Your mom was such a great lady, and will be missed. Take comfort that she is now home with Him. Deepest sympathy to you and your family.

Gail Weinstein - November 11, 2020 at 11:09 AM

GT

Sending our sincere condolences to the Magnussen Family - Our mother, Elsie Mae Brown, was a classmate and friend of your mother's and they stayed in touch for many years. I and my sisters (Karen, Lennace & Maryana) remember our families getting together many times when we were young. We haven't been in touch since losing our mom ten years ago this month. May you be comforted by your memories and the love of your family - Gloria Terrell (one of the four Brown Girls from Peterson)

Gloria Terrell - November 12, 2020 at 01:44 PM

KF

Thank you Gloria. Yes, I remember Elsie Mae and our time with you girls! I believe I might be closest in age to Karen and Lennace, could that be correct? I would like to get in touch with you or your sisters - are any of you on Facebook?

Kathryn Fuger - November 17, 2020 at 08:44 PM

GT

Yes, I'm on Facebook

Gloria Lee Terrell - November 21, 2020 at 02:54 PM