



## Ruth E. Anderson

October 11, 1925 - January 4, 2015

Ruth Anderson, age 89, of Storm Lake, Iowa died Sunday, January 4, 2015 at Methodist Manor Retirement Community in Storm Lake.

Funeral services will be Friday, January 9, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. at the United Methodist Church in Storm Lake. Burial will be at a later date in the Early Union Cemetery in Early, Iowa. Visitation will take place Thursday, January 8, 2015 from 4-7:00 p.m. at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Ruth Elaine Lathrop was born October 11, 1925 on a farm near Plover, IA and moved with her parents to the Havelock area at the age of 6. She attended school at Havelock, IA and received an emergency teaching certificate from Buena Vista College in 1945. She taught business classes, physical education, and coached girls basketball in Ware, IA. She met Richard Anderson from Storm Lake while attending college. They were married May 31, 1946 in Havelock, IA and built a small home on the Anderson family farm. In 1948, they rented a farm near Nemaha, IA, and in 1959 Rich and Ruth realized their dream of buying their own farm south of Early where they raised their 6 daughters. In 1992 they moved to Storm Lake.

Ruth and Rich enjoyed traveling to visit relatives and friends and the sights

along the way, playing cards, social activities, gardening, family and grandchildren. Ruth also provided leadership and participation in church and community organizations. They include the Nemaha Methodist Church, the Early United Methodist Church, and Storm Lake United Methodist Church where she was very active in the United Methodist Women, holding several local and district offices. She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, multiple book and card clubs, 4-H leader and Rebecca's. She was very active with farm life while raising her family. She was proud that all of her daughters graduated from college. In her spare time Ruth was a bookkeeper and helped prepare taxes at H&R Block and for friends.

Ruth is survived by her daughters Judy (Larry) Westergren, Marion, IA; Jan (Joe) Nicholson, Dunwoody, GA; Lois (Mike) Thomas, Omaha, NE; Karen (Tom) Dunekacke, Elk Creek, NE; Colleen (Steve) Knapp, Sioux City, IA; and Lynn (Ray) Schable, Storm Lake, IA. Grandchildren include Brenda Westergren Deimerly, David Westergren, Sarah Westergren, Andrew Nicholson, Brent Nicholson, Jason Thomas, Megan Thomas, Steve Thomas, Travis Dunekacke, Taylor Dunekacke, Tracy Dunekacke, Curtis Knapp, Jackie Knapp, Anna Knapp, Emily Knapp, Tanya Schable, Jake Schable, and 11 great grandchildren.

Ruth was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, a stillborn son and her sister Lucille.

# Cemetery Details

## Early Union Cemetery

Early, IA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 8. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - Storm Lake  
1615 W Milwaukee Ave,  
Storm Lake, IA 50588  
(712) 732-1911  
jensenfuneralhomes@gmail.com  
<https://www.fratzkejensen.com>

## Service

JAN 9. 11:00 AM (CT)

United Methodist Church -- Storm Lake  
211 East 3rd Street  
Storm Lake, IA 50588

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ruth E. Anderson*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - January 08, 2015 at 10:53 AM

NW

“ *Our sympathy and thoughts are with my cousins and their families at the passing of Aunt Ruth. I remember childhood visits to the farm at Early. Aunt Ruth and my cousins were always busy doing something in the kitchen, sewing something, or busy with chores around the farm. Aunt Ruth was a sweet lady and will certainly be missed by all who knew her. Love, Nancy*

Nancy Anderson Wilson - January 14, 2015 at 12:26 PM

FH

“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Funeral Home - January 09, 2015 at 10:00 AM

JC

“ *Judy and family, please know that I care. i am happy I was able to meet your Mother when she visited you here in Marion.*

Jan Curl - January 09, 2015 at 06:04 AM

RA

“ *Roger & Judy Anderson lit a candle in memory of Ruth E. Anderson*



Roger & Judy Anderson - January 08, 2015 at 04:48 PM

VA

“ *Verla Anderson lit a candle in memory of Ruth E. Anderson*



Verla Anderson - January 08, 2015 at 04:47 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Ruth E. Anderson.*



January 08, 2015 at 01:38 PM

RR

“ *Deepest sympathy.*



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**Richard and Marti Rose** - January 07, 2015 at 10:01 PM

RT

“ *Ron and Trix purchased the Fields of Europe for the family of Ruth E. Anderson.*



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**Ron and Trix** - January 07, 2015 at 09:09 PM

PS

“ *Pam Smith lit a candle in memory of Ruth E. Anderson*



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**Pam Smith** - January 07, 2015 at 03:28 PM

LS

“ *Lynn Snyder lit a candle in memory of Ruth E. Anderson*



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**Lynn Snyder** - January 07, 2015 at 01:23 PM



“ *Healing Tears - All White* was purchased for the family of Ruth E. Anderson.



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January 07, 2015 at 09:48 AM



“ *Pat Woods purchased the Silver Season Bouquet* for the family of Ruth E. Anderson.



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**Pat Woods** - January 05, 2015 at 10:43 AM