



Ruth Borcharding

March 12, 1926 - May 2, 2026

Ruth V. Borcharding, age 100, of Schaller, Iowa died Saturday, May 2, 2026 at Methodist Manor Retirement Community in Storm Lake.

Funeral services will be held Friday, May 8, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Schaller. Burial will be in the Schaller Cemetery. Visitation will take place Thursday, May 7, 2026 from 5-7:00 p.m. at the CHURCH. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Schaller is in charge of the arrangements.

Ruth Viola Borcharding was born March 12, 1926 in Nelson, Nebraska to Charles and Estelle (Rouse) Haidsiak, the youngest of ten children.

She was baptized in May, 1926.

She graduated from Nelson High School and took classes in Kearney, Nebraska.

Ruth then moved to Schaller, Iowa and lived with Lester and Doris Haidsiak. She taught at Cook Township Country School and met the neighbor down the road, Harry Borcharding. On December 27, 1950, Harry and Ruth were married in Nelson, Nebraska. They made their home south of Schaller and began farming there.

Ruth confirmed her faith in the Lutheran Church on June 10, 1951. She was an active member of St. Paul Lutheran in Schaller always helping with Sunday School, Bible School, in the kitchen and attending Bible classes.

They built a new home and moved into town in 1974.

Ruth loved gardening, playing cards, fishing, and having coffee with her friends, especially when she could set a lovely table with the pink dishes she collected. Refinishing furniture was a perfect match to Harry's Upholstery. Harry and Ruth enjoyed wintering in Arizona for many years. Ruth will always be remembered as a great cook sharing her cinnamon rolls, cookies and popcorn balls with everyone. Her skills and recipes have been passed along and enjoyed by many,

She lived in her home in Schaller until the fall of 2024 when she moved to Methodist Manor where the staff and residents became her extended family.

Ruth will be lovingly missed by Janice and Don Barclay of Homer, Nebraska, Gary and Anne (Fitzsenry) of Cherokee, Iowa, Keith and Norma (Smith) of Manchester, Iowa; grandchildren: Heath and Aleisha Barclay, Janelle and Dustin Nielsen, Heather and Nick Berning. Kristen and David Fahey, Ivy Borcharding, Kory Borcharding, Evan Borcharding and Rachel Sipfle; great grandchildren: Ben and Rylee Berning, Drayden, Ty and Wyatt Nielsen, Elise Borcharding, Wyatt, Emmett and Tate Fahey, Jasper and Ellsie Barclay; nieces, nephews and many friends.

Ruth was preceded in death by her husband, Harry; parents, Charles and Estelle Haidsiak; parents-in-law, Henry (Ted) and Minnie (Grieme) Borcharding; siblings: Leroy, Willis, Lester, Fern, Glenn, Ester Mae, Marie, Arthur (Brown), John and grandson, Jason Barclay.

Cemetery Details

Schaller Cemetery -- Schaller

200th Street
Schaller, IA 51053

Upcoming Events

Visitation

MAY 7. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

St. Paul Lutheran Church -- Schaller
402 E Third
Schaller, IA 51053

Funeral Service

MAY 8. 10:00 AM (CT)

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