



## Ruth Campbell

October 27, 1919 - April 18, 2016

Ruth Campbell, age 96, of Storm Lake, Iowa died Monday, April 18, 2016 at Methodist Manor Retirement Community in Storm Lake.

Funeral services will held Friday, April 22, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. at the United Methodist Church in Storm Lake. Burial will follow in the Storm Lake Cemetery. Visitation will take place Thursday, April 21, 2016 from 5-7:00 p.m. at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake. Memorials may be directed to the Storm Lake United Methodist Women. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Mary Ruth Bennett was born October 27, 1919 on the family farm in Ida County, Iowa. After the untimely death of her mother in 1924, the family moved to Schaller, Iowa. Her aunt, Sarah Bleakley, came to live with the family to help their father raise the three young children.

After graduating from high school, Ruth attended Wayne State College in Nebraska and earned a teaching degree. She taught school in Exira, Iowa for two years.

On May 22, 1943, Mary Ruth was united in marriage to Emlin Verne Campbell. The couple moved to Chicago, Illinois and started a family. In 1951, they moved with their two young daughters to Storm Lake, and added two

sons to the family. In 1962, the family moved into a new home on West 9th Street where Verne and Ruth lived until they moved to Otsego Place and then to Methodist Manor.

Ruth was devoted to her husband Verne, her four children, and all of her relatives, friends, and neighbors.

She was devoted to the United Methodist Church where she was a lifelong member. Ruth was active in Women's Society as well as other groups and functions in the church, and was also involved with the Order of the Eastern Star for 78 years. She rarely missed any activity in which her kids were involved and was active in the lives of her grandchildren as well. Ruth had morning coffee with the 9th Street neighbor ladies almost daily and eventually allowed the men to come as they retired. Many evenings were spent on the patio in lawn chairs visiting with neighbors and friends or playing cards.

Verne and Ruth were active members in the Izaak Walton League, and they loved the outdoors. The binoculars and a chair were always in front of the back window to watch the birds. Verne and Ruth traveled the country on bird watching trips, later on bus trips, and eventually they traveled to all fifty states. Ruth and Verne never missed a Saturday night watching Lawrence Welk. Ruth is survived by four children: Mary (David) Heikes of Smithville, Missouri; Jean Annette Kender of Storm Lake, Iowa; Paul (Elaine) Campbell of Scottsdale, Arizona; John Bennett Campbell of Storm Lake, Iowa; six grandchildren; and eleven great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her beloved husband, Emlin Verne Campbell; parents, Dresden and Ruth Naomi Bennett; sister, Elsie Christiansen; and brother, David Bennett.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **21**. 5:00 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

APR **22**. 10:30 AM (CT)

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

## Interment

APR **22** (CT)

Storm Lake Cemetery  
Storm Lake, IA 50588

# Tribute Wall

HE

“ Paul and Elaine, Susan and Sarah, and family of Ruth. We are sending our thoughts and prayers. Ruth was an amazing lady and will be missed. Treasure your memories of your mother. Allen and Linda Heit and family



Heit - April 22, 2016 at 09:20 AM

FH

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Funeral Home - April 21, 2016 at 04:18 PM



“ Lynn Snyder lit a candle in memory of Ruth Campbell



Lynn Snyder - April 20, 2016 at 12:49 PM

PG

“ Our sympathy & prayer to John & family. Don't believe I knew your mom, but I know John. Worked at Merrill with him. Peace to all. Lary & Patty Gunville



PATTY GUNVILLE - April 20, 2016 at 08:38 AM



“ *Tim/Pegi Cavanaugh lit a candle in memory of Ruth Campbell*



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**Tim/Pegi Cavanaugh** - April 19, 2016 at 04:34 PM



“ *Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Ruth Campbell.*



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April 19, 2016 at 03:48 PM



“ *Peg Anderson lit a candle in memory of Ruth Campbell*



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**Peg Anderson** - April 19, 2016 at 09:28 AM



*I have fond memories of Vern and Ruth living on W 9th St. and having neighborhood get togethers.*

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**Peg Anderson** - April 20, 2016 at 03:20 PM

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“ *Colleen Radcliff lit a candle in memory of Ruth Campbell*



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**Colleen Radcliff** - April 18, 2016 at 11:24 PM

MD

“ *There are so many great memories - loved Ruth's great sense of humor.*  
*Mary & Dave Drey*



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**Mary Drey** - April 18, 2016 at 01:46 PM

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“ *Heidi Howard lit a candle in memory of Ruth Campbell*



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**Heidi Howard** - April 18, 2016 at 01:22 PM

JD

“ *John And Connie Demers lit a candle in memory of Ruth Campbell*



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**John and Connie Demers** - April 18, 2016 at 10:30 AM