



## Ruth Ann Tillman

October 28, 1920 - September 13, 2015

Ruth Ann Tillman, age 94, of Storm Lake, Iowa died Sunday, September 13, 2015 at Methodist Manor Retirement Community in Storm Lake.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, September 16, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church in Storm Lake. Burial will follow in the Buena Vista Memorial Park Cemetery in Storm Lake. Visitation will take place Tuesday, September 15, 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 Ann Janssen was born October 28, 1920 in Nemaha, Iowa, the daughter of John and Nellie (Rohde) Janssen.

She attended school in Nemaha, and graduated from Nemaha High School.

On September 17, 1944, Ruth Ann was united in marriage to Virgil William Tillman at the United Methodist Church in Nemaha. Together they were blessed with two daughters, Judy and Joleen.

Ruth Ann and Virgil spent many years wintering in Arizona. In their younger years, they spent many nights dancing at the Cobblestone and the Lakewood Ballroom.

Ruth Ann was a member of the Grace Lutheran Church, of which she and Virgil were charter members of. She served as the President of the Ladies Aid and held offices in the LWML.

Ruth Ann worked as a sales associate at JC Penney for many years. She also was the Clerk of Elections for twenty-five years.

In her spare time, Ruth Ann enjoyed sewing, quilting, cooking, birdwatching, and playing bridge. She was very talented when it came to crafting, especially card making. Most of all, Ruth Ann was a loving and dedicated mother and grandmother. She will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

Those left to cherish her memory include her daughters: Judy (Randall) Demers of Columbia, South Carolina; Joleen (Ray) Dentlinger of Storm Lake, Iowa; grandchildren: Amy (Jeff) Hinnens of Ankeny, Iowa; Todd (Tina) Davenport of Coralville, Iowa; Lisa (Jamie) White of Columbia, South Carolina; Matthew (Carrie) Dentlinger of Marathon, Iowa; great grandchildren: Mitch and Paige Hinnens, Emma and Jack Davenport, Pricilla (Edgar) Sanchez and Kira Hughes; sister, Elaine (Bernard) Meyer of Storm Lake, Iowa; sisters-in-law: Sandra Janssen of Norfolk, Virginia; Mary Margaret Wolterman of Storm Lake, Iowa; numerous nieces, nephews, and friends.

Ruth Ann was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Virgil; and brothers, Roland and Clark Janssen.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **15.** 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

SEP **16.** 1:30 PM (CT)

Grace Lutheran Church  
1407 W. 5th St.  
Storm Lake, IA 50588  
<http://www.gracestormlake.com>

# Tribute Wall

AK

“ To the family of Virg and Ruth Ann,  
Ed and Gail Toomer spoke frequently of your mom and dad and I  
would occasionally see Ruth Ann after Dad and Mom moved to  
Storm Lake.  
Ed graduated from Nemaha High School (I'm not remembering  
which year - born in 1920), attended the Nemaha Methodist Church,  
loved to dance at Cobblestone and play bridge.  
May memories of them both bring an occasional smile to your face  
and warm spot in your heart.  
Sincerely,  
Ann Toomer Klaustermeier  
Novato, CA

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**Ann Klaustermeier** - November 09, 2015 at 06:32 PM

JA

“ Judy Anderson lit a candle in memory of Ruth  
Ann Tillman



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**Judy Anderson** - September 16, 2015 at 10:23 AM

CR

“ Colleen Radcliff lit a candle in memory of  
Ruth Ann Tillman



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**Colleen Radcliff** - September 16, 2015 at 10:12 AM

CR

*I always chatted with Ruth when at the Manor for various visits, such a sweet lady.*

**Colleen Radcliff** - September 16, 2015 at 10:14 AM

JD

“ *John And Connie (Swenson) Demers lit a candle in memory of Ruth Ann Tillman*



**John and Connie (Swenson) Demers** - September 15, 2015 at 10:09 PM

JD

*Out thoughts and prayers are with each of you. May the special memories you have help you through this difficult time.*

**John and Connie (Swenson) Demers** - September 15, 2015 at 10:11 PM

SN

“ *I am so sorry to hear about your Mom's passing. Joleen, Judy and families, you are all in my thoughts and prayers. Sherry Vilas Neid*

**Sherry Vilas Neid** - September 15, 2015 at 09:05 PM

NM

“ *Nancy and Larry McWhorter purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Yellow and White for the family of Ruth Ann Tillman.*



**Nancy and Larry McWhorter** - September 15, 2015 at 05:01 PM

FH

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Funeral Home - September 15, 2015 at 12:26 PM

CC

“ I remember all the good food when we got together at Uncle Virg and Aunt Ruthann's. I was so happy when she let us sit at the player piano and pretend like were playing it. And we would sing and laugh. What fun! Rest in peace Aunt Ruthann.

Christi (Tillman) Chiarletto - September 15, 2015 at 08:47 AM

YF

“ Your Dentlinger Family purchased the Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers for the family of Ruth Ann Tillman.



Your Dentlinger Family - September 14, 2015 at 10:05 PM

PH

“ So sorry to hear about your Mom's passing. We hold you and your family in our hearts during your time of sorrow. Thoughts and prayers. Love, Pam, Doug and family

Pam Hicks - September 14, 2015 at 09:17 PM

HH

“ Heidi Howard lit a candle in memory of Ruth Ann Tillman



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**Heidi Howard** - September 14, 2015 at 11:52 AM

JB

*Judy, Joleen & families - I am so very sorry for your loss! I know she will be missed! Mm enjoyed many nights playing cards with her! My thoughts & prayers are with all of you!*

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**Joy Weitzel Boyer** - September 18, 2015 at 10:11 AM