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**R**uby J. Gorden; age 97, of Winton California died December 12, 2011 in Turlock, California.

She was born the daughter of William and Addie (McConnell) Hull July 5 1914 near Bunch Iowa. Ruby was married on June 15, 1935 to Floyd Gorden.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Floyd Gorden; four brothers Milo, Woodrow, Donald and an infant brother; Sisters, Dorothy Hanrahan, Mary Maas, Agnes Cridlebaugh, an infant sister and son-in-law Bart Sandhu.

Ruby is survived by her sister Helen Jobe of Eldon, Iowa; children James (Mary) Gorden of LemonCove, Ca; Charles Gorden of Winton, Ca; Nancy (Paul) Martasian of Sacramento, Ca; and Margaret Sandhu of Modesto, Ca. She is also survived by seven grandchildren, Megan Morreale, Milo Gorden, David Martasian, Rachel Dadigan, Sarah Regnani, Sohnia Sandhu, Resham Sandhu, and twelve great-grandchildren.

Ruby graduated from Unionville Community Schools in Unionville, Iowa. She attended Iowa State Teachers College in Cedar Falls, Iowa and received her bachelor's degree from Drake University in Des Moines Iowa. She began her teaching career at the age of 17, teaching in several one room schoolhouses in rural Iowa. She loved teaching and had a passion for learning and working with children, touching many lives with her positive influences. On coming to California in 1955, she taught in Livingston and then in Atwater, California, retiring in 1982 after a teaching career of 42 years.

After retirement from teaching, she traveled extensively throughout the world, including trips to Russia, China, Scotland, England, North Africa and many other wonderful places. She organized a travel program for the Atwater, California AARP chapter with several trips a year to both local and distant points of interest. Ruby was a member of Winton Grange, and was Education Chair for 20 years. She served on



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the first Board of the Merced School Employees Credit Union, and in many other community roles; as a 4-H leader, Girl Scout Leader, Sunday School Teacher, School Board Member, to name a few.

Funeral services will be held 1:30 Wednesday, December 21, 2011 at the Unionville Baptist Church, Unionville, Iowa with Pastor Jesse Hill officiating. Visitation will be held Tuesday evening from 5-8PM at the Lange Funeral Home, Centerville, Iowa. Burial will be in the Fairview Cemetery, Unionville, Iowa. Condolences may be left at [www.langefh.com](http://www.langefh.com).

### Visitation

December 20, 2011 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Lange Funeral Home 1900 S. 18th St. Centerville, IA (641) 856-2000

### Funeral Service

December 21, 2011 1:30 PM

Unionville Baptist Church Unionville, IA



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**Anonymous** posted:

Our family's sympathy to James, Charles, Nancy, and Margaret Rose, plus the entire extended family on the passing of your mother. I am the youngest daughter of your first cousin, Euncie (Gordon) Martinson. My memory of your family was a visit to our home in Harcourt, Iowa when I was a young girl. Also, I remember your mother coming back to Iowa for the summers and opening up the farmhouse to stay in with some of you as kids. My sister, Diane Jones of Perry, and I want to thank you for visiting our parents on your trip to Iowa. That was a bright spot in my mother's day! We are so sorry that we were unable to attend Ruby's funeral in Unionville due to our own son and wife coming home for the holidays at that same time from Memphis, TN. It would have been a joy to have seen all of you. Posted by Lois (Martinson) Lamansky - Ankeny, IA - Eunice (Gordon) Martinson January 11, 2012

January 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

My deepest sympathy to the family. I am Lee and Eva Wyldes' daughter. Although years have past, I remember most of Addie Hull's family. We lived in Unionville for 13 years. I know my parents knew all of your family. I was a baby sitter for Helen Job and so was my mother. I played basketball with Edith Daniels Hull in Centerville, Iowa and remember her husband, Donald. Sympathy to all of you. Lorene Wyldes Evans Posted by Lorene Wyldes Evans - Muscatine, IA - FRIEND December 19, 2011

January 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Hi James and the rest of the family. I would be there for the funeral and visitation but I am in central Arkansas at my daughter Beckys' house until the 28th or so. Your mother was a wonderful lady and my favorite school teacher at dear ole Udell!!! My address is 403 Drake Avenue, Centerville. Sorry for your loss, ut she certainly lived a great life.... Barb Posted by Barbara Houser Padavich - Centerville, IA - Student Many Years ago December 19, 2011

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**Anonymous** posted:

Dear James, Charles, Nancy, Margaret Rose and families A dear dear friend, long time friendships, memories flood our minds. She is in a beautiful heavenly place with our Heavenly Father, the beautiful of our Lord. Many memories of the Gorden's and Caylor's, as well as school memories. God be with each of you now and always. Ray and Ann (Caylor) Dutton Posted by ray and ann dutton - Colfax,, IA - long time friends December 17, 2011

January 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I have great memories of spending time at the Gordan farm here in Iowa. It always was a special time and I couldn't wait for Aunt Ruby to open up the house for summer. Margaret Rose and I always thought that Aunt Ruby never knew when we would climb out the upstairs window and set out on the roof. I can still hear her say you girls are not on the roof are you I'm sure she knew and that was just her way of letting us know to get back in the house. I could go on forever with my special memories of a very special lady, she always made everything so special and I'm so luck to have had her for my aunt. Posted by Pam Huff - Cedar Rapids, IA - Niece December 15, 2011

January 4 at 7:00 PM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Ruby by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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