



Ruby Ethel Starnes

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The Lord called Ruby Ethel Starnes home early Monday morning, December 13, 2021.

Ruby was born on April 26, 1925 to Ross and Mary Palmer of Sewal, Iowa. She was the fourth of nine children. All of her siblings preceded her in death: Irene Palmer Lohr, Orville Palmer, Ila Mae Palmer Brees, Karl Palmer, Ruth Palmer Woollis, Harry Palmer, Leo Palmer and Floyd Palmer.

On June 16, 1952, Ruby married Ronald Starnes. They had no children but she loved her nieces, nephews and neighbor's children. They were married until Ronald was murdered in October 1986.

Ruby was a strong-willed woman and this helped her to pick up the pieces of her life after Ronald's death. She moved to town and began caring for an elderly woman as a nurse's aide.

Ruby's previous life on the farm came with her to town as she was a natural gardener. Her love for flowers was always apparent, and many people told her how much they enjoyed her blooming geraniums in the south window of her home.

Ruby also liked to read (her favorite past time), go for walks, and enjoy time with family and friends. She lived in her own home until suffering a stroke in March 2019 when she moved to Corydon Specialty Care.

Ruby leaves behind many nieces and nephews; in-laws, Koran Brees and Marilyn Palmer, and many friends to cherish her memory.

Celebration of Life service will be January 6, 2022 at Thomas Funeral Home in Corydon, Iowa at 11:00a.m. with interment for both Ronald and Ruby at the Corydon cemetery as they wanted to



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be buried together. Visitation will be at 10:00 a.m. at the Thomas Funeral Home on January 6, 2022.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contribution may be made to LeCompte Library in Corydon, Iowa. Condolences can be shared www.thomasfh.com or www.facebook.com/thomasfuneralhome.



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AH

Amy Runyon-Harms posted:

Ruby was our family baby sitter for many years and like our local grandma. Ronald and Ruby were the best neighbors, and I have so many fond memories of spending time at their house and on the farm. She turned me into the coffee drinker I am today, although I'm pretty sure the coffee I drank at her house when I was little was mostly cream. :) I also loved her bread and gravy and would request my own mom to make it when I needed some comfort food. I loved visiting with her when I was in Wayne County. I especially got a kick out of seeing her 'walking' her cat Sam. Sending love to her family. She was a special lady.

January 5 at 7:00 PM

CH

Carolyn Hoxton posted:

So sorry for Ruby's family, and friends. She was the nicest lady, and will be missed. I am thinking of Frances Sales, who really loved her aunt and visited her often. She always stopped and smiled when I mentioned Frances, and we often shared memories. The last time I saw Ruby, she was sitting in a chair at the Corydon Care Center, and we talked about her niece, and she was delighted I knew Frances. A smile on her face, is how I remember this dear lady.

January 5 at 7:00 PM

KC

Kim Criswell posted:

Ruby was always a sweet lady She used to pick rhubarb from my parents garden. They always loved talking to her She will be greatly missed

December 13 at 7:00 PM

RA

Rita Arnold posted:

Such a wonderful lady!!!

December 12 at 7:00 PM

JE

Julie Eckles posted:

Ruby was a very nice lady. Her extended families are in my thoughts and prayers.

December 12 at 7:00 PM



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DM

Dottie Warren Mckelvy posted:

Sorry to read this. I remember her when I lived in Sewal. Sympathy to her exyended family.

December 12 at 7:00 PM

RH

Robert Houser posted:

Prayers for the family

December 12 at 7:00 PM

MP

Marcella Peak posted:



December 12 at 7:00 PM

KR

Kelly Rupalo posted:

To me Aunt Ruby will always be Grandma's "ornery" sister, and I delighted in calling her "trouble" every chance I got! I think we both greatly enjoyed teasing each other. I know I did! 😊 I have a keepsake of yours hanging on my wall, and will always think of you when I look at it. Rest in peace trouble, you will be missed. 😭❤️

December 12 at 7:00 PM

JC

Jerry Castor posted:

our sympathy

December 12 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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