



## Ruth E. Biba

October 24, 1929 - November 10, 2012

Ruth Esther Craft Biba was born on October 24, 1929 to Vernon and Esther (Holmes) Craft on a farm in Pierce County, Nebraska. She was delivered by her grandfather, Dr. William Craft. She passed away on November 10, 2012 in Geneva, Nebraska after a long and fulfilling life. Ruth grew up on a farm near Foster, Nebraska. She attended country school for eight years and graduated from Plainview High School in 1947. She attended Norfolk Junior College and then graduated from the University of Nebraska with a bachelor's degree in Home Economics in 1951. After graduating, Ruth served as the Sheridan County Home Extension Agent. She enjoyed working with 4-H kids, especially at fairs and camps. In 1953, Ruth married James A. Biba of Geneva, Nebraska. They welcomed five children into their family, David, Debra, Gary, Gregg and Linda. Ruth worked alongside her husband in the family highway construction business. Their work afforded many opportunities to travel the state and to reside in a number of Nebraska communities. Ruth enjoyed meeting new people and especially appreciated getting to know the families of the people with whom they worked. In later years, Ruth and Jim enjoyed traveling for pleasure throughout the United States and to Europe and the Far East. Ruth was a 50-year member of the First Congregational United Church of Christ of Geneva. She was active in the Women's Fellowship, taught Sunday School, and served on numerous committees. She was also a 50-year member of the Order of the Eastern Star. Ruth was preceded in death by her son, David, and her parents. She is survived by her loving husband, Jim,

of 59 years and children: Susan of Geneva; Debra and Rob of Cambridge, MA; Gary and Margo of Austin, TX; Gregg and Paul of Dallas, TX; Linda and Todd of Lincoln; and grandchildren: Matthew, Catherine, Brandon and Brittni, Amanda and Landon. She is also survived by her brother Robert Craft of Norfolk. Private family burial. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials to Fillmore County 4H Program, 972 G Street, Geneva, NE 68361; Fillmore County Foundation, PO Box 313, Geneva, NE 68361; Geneva Rescue, 240 North Fifth St, Geneva, NE 68361.

# Tribute Wall

CB

“ I worked for Jim and Ruth at Biba Engineering in 1979. She was a fun lady. My sympathy to the family.

Charline (Komarek) Brown - January 08, 2013 at 11:07 PM

DC

“ Margo and Gary - I am so sorry to hear about your mom - keeping you in our thoughts and prayers.

Diane Eicher Caulkins - November 13, 2012 at 02:04 PM

JB

“ Gregg, Hope that you and your family are blessed with lots of wonderful memories to help you through this time. Take care and thinking of you and Paul. By the way, I see that you got your good looks from your mother.  
Love, Joleen Braswell

Joleen Braswell - November 12, 2012 at 09:00 PM

MH

“ My sympathies to Jim and the rest of the Biba family. Ruth was a wonderful woman -- lots of fun, always ready with laugh, always interested in family, friends and community, and always welcoming - -- we will all miss her. I hope that the wonderful memories you have of her help you through the coming days.  
Mary Hendrickson and John Emery

Mary Hendrickson - November 12, 2012 at 08:36 AM

EH

“ *I am so sorry to hear that Ruth Biba has passed away. I truly enjoyed working with her for so many years.* ”

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**Elmer Hessheimer** - November 10, 2012 at 08:37 PM