



## Ruth Ann Gergen

December 7, 1937 - March 2, 2012

Ruth Ann (Saum) Gergen was born to Cleetus E. Saum and Celia R. Horner on December 7, 1937 in Geneva, Nebraska, and passed away March 2, 2012, at the Fillmore County Hospital in Geneva, at the age of 74 years, 8 months, and 5 days. She was one of five children in the family. As a young girl, Ruth Ann attended her K through 12 educational years in Geneva, graduating from Geneva High School Class of 1955. Ruth Ann and Clement W. Gergen were united in marriage on May 4, 1957. Together, Clem & Ruth were blessed with seven children. After spending years as a housewife and mother, Ruth Ann went to work for Attorney Grady Corbett. After his passing, Ruth Ann began work at Elder Jewelry. After the closing of Elder Jewelry, Ruth Ann's career at the Fillmore County Hospital began, which lasted nearly 17 years when she retired in January of 2012. Ruth Ann was filled with unending love. And with her love, she enjoyed going to Lincoln to shop and have lunch with her daughters and grandchildren. She also enjoyed eating out with other family members and friends. Springtime was favored by Ruth Ann, as she enjoyed flower shopping with her daughters. Creating a warm and inviting house was Ruth Ann's niche. Remembrances of her home included good smells and creative, unique pieces. Along with her decorative niche, Ruth Ann took pleasure in listening to music, as well as Glen Beck, in addition to others on talk radio. Other interests included reading a variety of books and sharing those books with others. She enjoyed watching the food Network and news channels. Preceding Ruth Ann in death were her parents, Cleetus and Celia;

husband, Clement; sister, Lynda Saum; brother, Marvin Saum; sisters-in-law, Mary Saum, Dorothy Saum, Dorothy Steube, Theresa Reinsch, Rita Gergen, Mollene Gergen; brothers-in-law, Darrell Steube, Robert Dondlinger, Roger Davis, Irvin Gergen, Jerome Gergen, Father Charles Gergen, and Kenneth Walters. Surviving her are her children, Michael Gergen and special friend, Alliena of Shickley; Victoria Roemmich and husband, Steve of Geneva; Douglas Gergen and wife, Sandy of Geneva; Regina Swartzendruber and husband, Steve of Shickley; Anne Wettstead and husband, Brian of Hickman; Richard Gergen of Denver, CO; and Erin Shiley of Lincoln. Others surviving her are brother, Rick Saum and wife, Wanda of Geneva; sister, Cathryn Walters of Geneva; sisters-in-law, Florence Dondlinger; Loretta Davis of Nebraska City; Sister Marionita Gergen of Campbellsport, WI; 14 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews; and other relatives and friends. Rosary for Ruth Ann was recited at 7:00 p.m., Monday, March 5, 2012, at St. Joseph Catholic Church. Funeral services were conducted at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Geneva, on Tuesday, March 6, 2012, with Father Tom Walsh officiating. Music for the Mass was provided by Lori Rasmussen on the organ, who accompanied Faith Kerl singing "On Eagles' Wings." Congregational hymns were "I Am The Bread Of Life," "Amazing Grace," and "Here I Am Lord." Pallbearers were her grandsons, Jeremy Fairbanks, Bryan Roemmich, Dan Swartzendruber, Trey Wettstead, Kinser Gergen, and nephew, John Saum. Honorary pallbearers were Keenan Shiley, Kiley Gergen, Krista Swartzendruber, Brianne Wettstead, Katherine Roemmich, and Kalisha Gergen. Graveside services were at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery with Farmer & Son Funeral Home in charge of arrangements. Memorials are directed to the family to be designated at a later date.

# Tribute Wall

KG

“ *Its only been a little over a month since you left us. I think about you everyday and wish I could of said goodbye to you. I want you to know that I love you so very much and miss you more than words can say. I love you Grandma.*

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**Kiley Gergen** - April 16, 2012 at 05:08 PM

KW

“ *Ruth Ann and Mom shared many times together. Hopefully, they are having a laugh together right now. Your mother was a wonderful person and I know she will be so very missed by all of you.*

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**Kathleen McCarthy Wilbeck** - March 29, 2012 at 10:04 PM

DM

“ *Ruthann was like a best friend to me, I could call her anytime and talk to her, she was there for me at work and as a friend. I will miss her dearly, but I know she is with our Lord and Saviour as she is truely an angel that has been called back home. Ray and I both will miss her dearly. God's peace and strength to her family through this difficult time.*

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**Deb Mohlman** - March 05, 2012 at 10:44 AM

JJ

“ *I have so many memories of Ruth Ann... all the way back to spening days & sleepover nights in the Gergen home as a young girl. One of my favorite people - I will miss her very much. My love to all family, but especially to Erin!*

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**Jodi Jenkins** - March 04, 2012 at 04:14 PM

RD

“ We are so sorry for you loss, Ruth Ann was an amazing lady.

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**Ron & Vicki Doremus** - March 04, 2012 at 01:31 PM

BF

“ I am so very sorry for the Loss of your Loved One. She will be greatly missed. What a Special Lady. Keeping you all in My Thoughts & Prayers. God Blessings to you.

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**Bridgette Flohrs** - March 03, 2012 at 10:33 AM

VJ

“ My heart is heavy....Ruthann was a joy to work with and she had a sense of humor many did not see. What a Lady!! As Mike said, she and Clem are together again. Thoughts and prayers too all the family!!

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**Virginia Johnson** - March 03, 2012 at 10:22 AM

KG

“ I'll miss you so very much, what a gift it has been to have you in my life. God is so lucky to have you home. Love you so much, see you later.

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**Kim Gewecke** - March 02, 2012 at 06:36 PM

AU

“ To the Gergen family: Ruth Ann will be truly missed by many. My thoughts and prayers go out to all of you at this time of great loss. You should all hold your heads high as she was very proud of each and every one of you. You had a truly wonderful mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She is now with her beloved spouse and maker, but she will always be in your hearts and watching over each one of you.

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**Audrey** - March 02, 2012 at 05:44 PM