



Ruth E. (Sutter) Merryman

December 1, 1917 - February 3, 2017

Memorial Services for Ruth will be held on Friday, February 10, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at the United Methodist Church in Geneva with Pastor Michelle Gowin officiating.

No Visitation - cremation.

Memorials are to be directed to the family for a later designation.

Private family burial of ashes will be held in the Geneva Public Cemetery.

Ruth E. (Sutter) Merryman passed away February 3, 2017 at Heritage Crossings in Geneva, Nebraska at the age of 99 years, two months and two days. She was born on December 1, 1917 to May and Ernest Sutter in Chelsea Township, Fillmore County, Nebraska. She was the fourth of five siblings.

She moved with her family to a farm near Martland, Nebraska where she met the love of her life and best friend, Derald Merryman, while in fifth grade at Martland School. She attended Martland School through the 10th Grade, and then went to Geneva High School, where she took "Normal Training", and then started her teaching career in the country schools.

She was married on May 20, 1938 to her best school friend, Derald Merryman, and settled on a farm near Shickley. This union was blessed with three children, Suzann, Douglas and Todd. They enjoyed 75 years of married life.

Ruth made the most of her 99 years on this earth, by being a great inspiration to all who knew her, with her always-positive attitude. She counted her many blessings daily and continued to be interested in her family, friends and community.

She truly was a life long teacher and example. Her accomplishments included 4-H leader, President of the County Extension Clubs, managing the 4-H food stand for 30 years at the county fair, women for Highway Safety representative, fostering a child in her home, catering many parties and wedding receptions, running the Golden Rod Motel whenever needed, raised Pekinese Puppies, tutoring children, serving on election boards, head start board, several church offices, serving food at Fillmore County Hospital until the age of 85, plus being a super Mom, Grandmother and Great-Grandmother. She was always being supportive and trusting in her family's endeavors and choices.

She was a faithful member of the United Methodist Church for over 75 years and trusted God's plan for all things.

She and Derald loved traveling with their 5th wheel, attending dinner theaters, square dancing and touring the USA.

She often commented that she would never change a thing about her life here and always stated, "Even bumps in the road are valuable because they make you stronger".

She was preceded in death by her husband, Derald Merryman, her parents, her siblings and great-grandson, Brandon Emmons.

She is survived by her daughter, Suzann Johnson and husband Stan of Shickley, son Douglas Merryman and wife Karen of Geneva, son Todd Merryman and wife Linda of Shickley. Grandchildren; Stacy Emmons of Geneva, Dr. Scott Johnson and wife Beth of Aurora, Shannon Robertson and husband Rick of Fairbury, Stephanie Andersen and husband Andrew of York, Daren Merryman and wife Jaimie of Lincoln, Casey Goodwater and husband Greg of Raymond, Valerie Andersen and husband Casey of Carleton, Michael Merryman and wife Stacey of Omaha and 17 Great Grandchildren.

Cemetery Details

Geneva Public Cemetery

Geneva, NE 68361

Tribute Wall



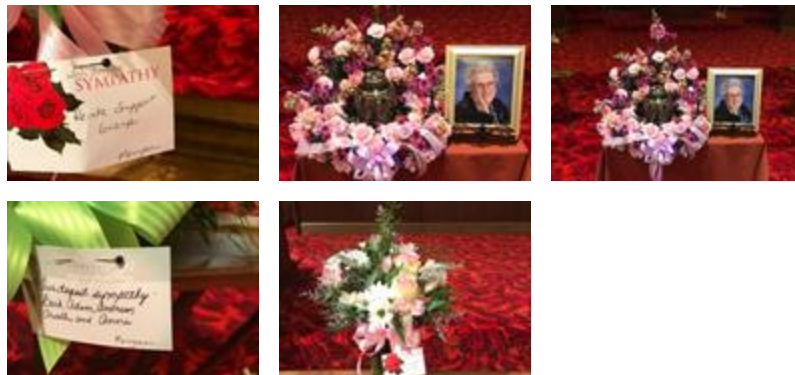
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“ *Very sorry to hear about Ruth. I did not know her, but Shannon told me some wonderful stories of what she meant to her and your family. Sounds like she lived a full life and is rejoicing in heaven now! May the love of our gracious God give you comfort and peace. Love, Twila, Tracy, Britney and Brigham Scheetz*

Twila Scheetz - February 09, 2017 at 11:29 AM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Ruth E. (Sutter) Merryman.*



February 09, 2017 at 10:36 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of the death of Ruth. What an amazing and long life she has had. Just think of all the events that have taking place during her lifetime and all the memories you will have of her during your lifetime.*

Thinking of all of you at this time. Our prayers go with you now and forever.

Gary & Liz Gerberding

Liz Gerberding - February 09, 2017 at 05:25 AM