



Ruth Louise Swanson

September 15, 1928 - August 17, 2018

Ruth Louise Swanson, age 89, of Geneva, NE, passed away Friday, August 17, 2018 at Bryan West Hospital in Lincoln, NE.

Ruth was born September 15, 1928 in Minden, NE, to Samuel and M. Louise (Gaudreault) Rolls.

Ruth married Harry Wallace "Wally" Swanson on June 29, 1953 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Lincoln, NE. Wally died March 10, 1994.

Ruth's life was centered on her Catholic faith and was dedicated to the service of others at home and in the community. She grew up in Minden, NE, moving to Lincoln after High School and to Geneva when she married. She worked for the Telephone Company at the age of 15. Ruth worked for the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce and the Sower's Club before taking a position for U.S. Senator Carl Curtis in Washington D.C. She was a member of St. Joseph's Church in Geneva, serving as the church historian, and a member of the St. Joseph's Altar Society, serving for a time as President. She served as President for the Lincoln Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, served the missions, food pantries, funeral dinners and was a member of the parish-quilting group. Ruth helped in the CCD program, led the rosary before Mass and was a reader at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. Ruth also volunteered to deliver meals and was a member of the Geneva Mother's Club, Kensington

Club and served on the Library Board. She was an avid reader, student of history, and was a genealogist for both sides of her family. Ruth was an exceptional cook and kept alive the rich Swedish holiday food traditions.

Ruth is survived by daughters, Christine (David) Ehrhart of Keller, TX, Cynthia (David) Lewis of Fort Lee, VA, Mary (Steve) Taylor of York, NE; sons, John (Deanna) Swanson of Doniphan, NE, David (Alicia) Swanson of Honolulu, HI; sister-in-law, Sandra Rolls of Sydney, NE, 16 grandchildren, 20 great grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Wally; sister Dorothy and brother Richard.

A Funeral Mass was held on Wednesday, August 22, 2018, at 10:00 a.m., at St. Joseph Catholic Church with Father Harlan Waskowiak officiating and Father Joseph Walsh, Father Troy Schweiger, Father Matthew Rolling and Father Adam Sughroue as co-celebrants.

Organist, Charlotte Bumgarner, accompanied the congregation as they sang, "Alleluia, Alleluia, Let The Holy Anthem Rise", "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow", "I Am The Bread Of Life", "Song Of Farewell" and "Oh God Beyond All Praising".

Pallbearers were Brian Ehrhart, Michael Ehrhart, Caleb Swanson, Jacob Swanson, Luke Taylor, Zach Taylor and Troy Taylor.

Honorary pallbearers were Matthew Lewis and James Lewis.

Graveside services were conducted following the Funeral Mass at the Geneva Public Cemetery.

Memorials were directed to the family for a later designation.

Cemetery Details

Geneva Public Cemetery

Geneva, NE 68361

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 21. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Farmer & Son Funeral Home
242 N 10th Street
Geneva, NE 68361
(402) 759-3617
<https://farmerandsonfuneralhome.com>

Rosary

AUG 21. 7:00 PM (CT)

St. Joseph's Catholic Church
831 E Street
Geneva, NE 68361

Funeral Mass

AUG 22. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph's Catholic Church
831 E Street
Geneva, NE 68361

Tribute Wall



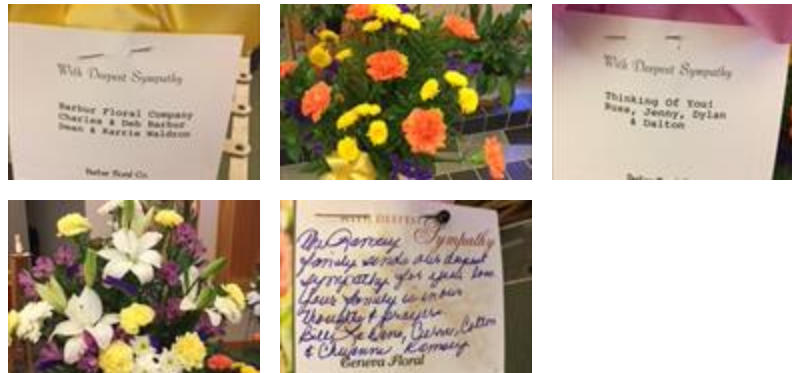
“ I was so sorry to hear of her passing. There are lots of happy memories of our two families experiences back in the 60s.

Dave Reichliger

David Reichlinger - August 22, 2018 at 09:01 PM



“ 40 files added to the album Flower Arrangements



Farmer & Son Funeral Home - August 22, 2018 at 12:53 PM

LD

“ Lockheed -Martin Legal Department purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Ruth Louise Swanson.



Lockheed -Martin Legal Department - August 21, 2018 at 01:28 PM

MC

“ We are sorry for your loss and send our prayers for peace and comfort to Dave & Chris Ehrhart, and all of the family. Marcia Ceplecha and the Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Legal Department



Marcia Ceplecha - August 21, 2018 at 12:18 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ruth Louise Swanson.



August 20, 2018 at 04:28 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ruth Louise Swanson.



August 20, 2018 at 12:42 PM

AN

“ She had the warmest smile and always in good spirits. She will be missed.

anonymous - August 20, 2018 at 10:03 AM

SN

“ I am so sad to hear of your mom's passing. She was such a sweet gem of a lady. Her memory will live on as I know she shared her spirit and heart with her family. My thoughts and prayers will be with all of you at this difficult time.



Sherri Nun - August 20, 2018 at 09:34 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ruth Louise Swanson.



August 19, 2018 at 10:16 PM

SB

“ Ruth was always kind to us on our many rides to catechism at the Turkey Creek Church. A loving mother and friend. Scott Bahe

Scott Bahe - August 19, 2018 at 06:22 PM

PG

“ Ruth, I am so grateful that God directed me to you on Thursday...The Hugs..The Kisses, The Laughs, The I Love Yous..You will always be in my heart. Rest In Peace My Forever Friend, Pat

Patsy Gewecke - August 19, 2018 at 05:08 PM

AT

“ I have known Ruth all my life. I have always admired how dedicated she was to her family and her God. She was a warm, soft spoken, beautiful lady, inside and out.



Alice Tatro - August 19, 2018 at 08:20 AM

LD

“ Lisa Dondlinger lit a candle in memory of Ruth Louise Swanson



Lisa Dondlinger - August 18, 2018 at 08:00 PM

DP

“ What a truly wonderful - and GENUINE - lady; it was a pleasure whenever engaging her in witty banter after church - she never lost that sense of humor. A life truly well-lived.

Don Prater - August 18, 2018 at 06:30 PM