



Ruth Towns

July 31, 1922 - April 26, 2020

Ruth M. Towns, age 97, of Oskaloosa, passed away on April 26, 2020 at the MHP Serenity Hospice House. She was born on Monday, July 31, 1922 in Cedar, Iowa, the daughter of Clarence and Florence (Rockwell) Nash. She grew up and attended the Cedar High School graduating with the Class of 1940. During her high school years Ruth was a standout basketball player. On June 7, 1941 she was united in marriage to Raymond Towns in Lancaster, Missouri. To this union, three children were born, Connie, Jacque and Robert. Together Ruth and Raymond shared over 60 years of marriage together until Ray's passing in December, 2003.

Ruth was a cook, helping serve hot lunch at Fremont Schools for several years. She was well known for her homemade cinnamon rolls. After semi-retiring, she and Raymond moved to Cedar Rapids to manage an apartment complex for 12 years. They later returned to Oskaloosa in 1985. She was a member of the Fremont United Methodist Church. She enjoyed cooking, baking, walking and exercising in her water aerobics class with her sister Reba. She also enjoyed reading and listening to audiobooks. Above all else, Ruth enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Her family includes her children, Connie (Arvin) Bandstra of Pella, Jacque McCall of Austin, TX and Robert (Katherine) Towns of Knoxville, TN; her grandchildren, Deanna Garbison of Noblesville, IN, Deb (Erin Callahan) Garbison of Loretto, MN. and Chad (Jennifer) McCall of Austin, TX; her great grandchildren, Amanda and Lucas Bulcao and Carlie and Cade McCall; her step-grandson, Russ (Lori) Bandstra; her great step-grandchildren Abbott and Cecelia Callahan. She is also survived by a sister, Retha Ray; 3 step-great grandchildren; 4 step-great-great children and several nieces and nephews.

Ruth was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; a brother-in-infancy, two twin sisters-in-infancy; her sisters, Roberta (Floyd) Richardson, Reba (Wayne) McWilliams and a brother, Clarence (Jeanne) Nash. She is also preceded in death by a brother-in-law, Don Ray; a sister-in-law, Dorothy (Jack) Bridges and a nephew, Steve DeWild.

As was her wish, her body has been cremated and the family will hold a celebration of life at a later date. The Bates Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements. Memorials may be made to MHP Serenity Hospice House or the Fremont United Methodist Church.

Comments



“ Mrs townw served me my lunches throughout my grade school years clear up through high school. And yes your right her cinnamon rolls were the best. I remember always being served chili with them. And Ray was the custodian at Fremont school. And he was such a nice man. Mrs Towns was a lovely lady. Rest in peace.

Joanne Hedlund - May 26 at 09:29 PM



“ Connie, Deanna, Deb and family - So very sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, may God's love comfort you.



Ginger Allsup - May 02 at 09:07 PM



“ Becky Netten lit a candle in memory of Ruth Towns



Becky Netten - May 02 at 03:27 PM



“ I remember Ruth when she lived at Norwich. She was a very nice person.





“ Jacque, I'm so sorry for the loss of your Mom... I'll be praying for you and your family

Kerri Moore - April 27 at 09:49 PM



“ Ruth was a lovely caring person. I remember her being a great cook while attending school in Fremont and she always had a smile and time to visit with the students. She had a great life.

Linda Life

linda life - April 27 at 06:54 PM



“ Oh how I Loved Miss Ruth and Cared for her with all my Heart. Ruth will be so greatly missed.. My Thoughts and Prayers are with the Family



Kathy Fleener - April 27 at 06:53 PM



“ Oh the memories that come flooding back when thinking of Ruth. Please know we are thinking of you and you are in our prayers.

Nita Hackmsn - April 28 at 02:45 PM



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Nita Hackman - April 28 at 02:47 PM