



## Ruth L. Farmer

August 14, 1929 - February 1, 2024

Ruth L Farmer 94, of Charles City, Iowa passed away peacefully at 9th St. Chautauqua Guest Home on February 1, 2024.

Funeral Services will be held at 10:30 am on Monday February 19,2024 at St. Johns Evangelical Lutheran Church 201 S Main Charles City. Visitation will be held one hour prior to services at the church. Officiating will be Rev. Russ Leeper. Interment will be in Sunnyside Memory Garden, Charles City.

Ruth Lavonne was born August 14,1929 in Waverly. The daughter of Henry and Nora (Brandt) Eggena. She grew up on a farm near Denver, Iowa.

Ruth was united in marriage to Ervin Farmer on February 19th, 1950.

Together, they made their home and farmed north of Charles City, near Colwell, as they raised their six children. Ervin passed away in June of 1994, but Ruth remained on the farm until January of 2023.

Ruth loved to work with her hands. Anyone who knew her has probably received one of her many projects. Whether it was a craft item, an apron, curtains, table runners, bags or the latest sewing fad, she would make it. Her passion was making quilts. She began making quilts for dialysis patients in Rochester, when her husband would get cold through treatments. That led to making sure dialysis patients from here to Iowa City were warm. Eventually she began providing quilts and pillowcases for the Childrens Hospital. If she wasn't sewing, she was outside tending to her lawn, garden, flowers or a small apple orchard. She produced enough apples to keep her family supplied with cider and applesauce every year.

Ruth was also active in many community and charitable organizations throughout Floyd County. Whether it was her church, the 4 H and FFA groups her kids grew up in, the Colwell Community Center, Culture Club, or Floyd County Foundation, just to name a few. Her generosity to multiple organizations will be remembered by many, as she was proud of the community, she lived in for over 70 years.

Ruth is survived by her children: Steven (Grace) Farmer of Charles City, Judie (Jim) Raymond of Cedar Falls, Janine (John) Schwarck of Riceville, Brian (Theresa) Farmer of Orchard, Darrin (Rachel) Farmer of Lansing, Kansas. Grandchildren; Jennifer (Sean) Wallerich, Elizabeth (Adam) Nieman, Jeanne (Dustin) Mentel, Joanie (Chris) Miller, Jordan (Kristin) Schwarck, Tyler (Michelle) Schwarck, Lindsey (Jared) Foss, Dan Farmer, Brad (Kelci) Farmer, Emily Farmer, Samantha (Daniel) Coffey, Daughter in law Tracie Farmer, Step-grandchildren Alex (Andrea) Heitz, Cody Wilson, brother Alvin (Dorothy) Eggena, many great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Ruth was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Ervin Farmer, her son Alan Farmer, Granddaughter Stephanie Farmer and great grandson Henry Farmer, her sister Evelyn Reusch and brother-in-law Robert Reusch. Fullerton-Hage Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 401 Blunt, Charles City, Iowa 50616 515-228-4211 [www.Fullertonfh.com](http://www.Fullertonfh.com)  
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# Cemetery Details

## Sunnyside Memory Garden

Charles City, IA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 19. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church  
200 S.Main  
Charles City, IA 50616

## Funeral Service

FEB 19. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church  
200 S.Main  
Charles City, IA 50616

# Tribute Wall

DO

“ Your Mom and Dad were good neighbors with our parents, Jack & Doris, as they farmed. Mom and Ruth were good friends. Ruth was always friendly and had a smile. - The Sonberg Family

Dee Onken - February 25, 2024 at 10:43 AM

JG

“ Joel & Penny G planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ruth L. Farmer.

Joel & Penny G - February 18, 2024 at 08:30 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ruth L. Farmer.



February 17, 2024 at 03:27 PM

NF

“ Nieces Karen, Donna, Darlene & families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ruth L. Farmer.

Nieces Karen, Donna, Darlene & families - February 14, 2024 at 02:08 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Ruth L. Farmer.*



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February 14, 2024 at 02:08 PM



“ *Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ruth L. Farmer.*



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February 14, 2024 at 02:02 PM



“ *Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Ruth L. Farmer.*



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February 12, 2024 at 01:44 PM



“ *Your Central Solutions Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ruth L. Farmer.*

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**Your Central Solutions Family** - February 12, 2024 at 01:44 PM

LB

“ *Larry & Maggie Berentsen purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Ruth L. Farmer.*



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**Larry & Maggie Berentsen** - February 08, 2024 at 05:36 PM

GN

“ *Our sympathy to the family on Ruth's passing. She lived a good long life and now can enjoy the eternal home.*

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**Gene and Sherri Nieman** - February 08, 2024 at 12:52 PM

BF

“ *We would like to share our deepest condolences and prayers for Ruth's family and friends. She was the most kind hearted, loving, and wonderful person anyone could ever meet. She was generous and strong, while always thinking of her family and community. She was always willing to help when ever needed and brought great joy to all our lives. She will be forever missed, but not forgotten. She was the matriarch of the farmer family, and we all loved and respected her as she led by example. We will truly miss you and thank you for all you have given us over the years. Peace and love be with you now and forever....*

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**Bernard Farmer and Family** - February 07, 2024 at 10:44 PM

UF

“ *Uncle Bernard, Richard, David Farmerr planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ruth L. Farmer.*

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**Uncle Bernard, Richard, David Farmerr** - February 06, 2024 at 01:12 PM



“ *Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Ruth L. Farmer.*



February 06, 2024 at 01:12 PM



“ *Your mom and I often talked about some sewing projeci,I will never forget her getting a rug made for me out of one of my grandma's quilts,she was quite*

**Jackie vickerman** - February 05, 2024 at 05:28 PM



*I met she was quite a lady*

**Jackie vickerman** - February 05, 2024 at 05:33 PM



“ *aunt ruth came to our wedding in las vegas and she was the life of the party!! we had so much fun with her grace, my family will never forget her as she made quite an impression on everybody there. her love of life was contagious, her smile was sweet, her heart was pure. she rests in lap of her heavenly father now and i cant wait to see her in heaven!!*  
*debby farmer and david*

**Debby Farmer** - February 05, 2024 at 02:15 PM



*Thoughts and prayers to all Ruth's friends and family.*

**Theresa L Sargent** - February 05, 2024 at 09:14 PM

CL

“ Sending hugs to the entire family especially, Janine. I remember you talking about her at work "Mom's always busy doing something". Remember the fun times in your heart. Hugs again. "Christal Lite"

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**Christal Levan** - February 05, 2024 at 09:46 AM

MK

Our deepest sympathy to you all, a great lady that will be missed by all who knew her and loved her, marcy and ken kristensen

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**Marcy and Ken kristensen** - February 08, 2024 at 04:37 PM

MR

“ I graduated with Ruth's daughter, Judi. We spent so many times together at the Farmer farm. Ruth had a ready laugh and a kind word for everyone. I learned how to be gracious from her because she echoed the lessons my own mother taught me regarding how to be kind to others.

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**Mickey M Rottinghaus** - February 04, 2024 at 09:15 PM