



Ruth Eleanor Oetken

October 13, 1916 - April 8, 2014

Ruth Oetken, 97, of Rockwell, IA died on Tuesday, April 8, 2014 at the Rockwell Nursing Home. Online condolences may be left at www.fullertonfh.com.

A funeral service will be 2:00p.m. on Saturday April 12, 2014, at First Baptist Church 121 2nd St. N Rockwell, Iowa 50469. Pastor Ken Livingston will officiate. Interment will follow at Rockwell Cemetery. A visitation will be from 3-5 p.m. on Friday April 11, 2014 at Fullerton Funeral Home 120 S. 3rd ST. Rockwell, IA.

Ruth was born on October 13, 1916 to George and Bertha Maude (Roderick) Grummon in Rockwell, Iowa. She lived there all of her life. She graduated high school and got her teaching certificate in 1936. Then taught for 7 years before marrying the love of her life Clarence Oetken in 1943 in Rockwell. Unto this union five children were born. Ruth was a devoted mother and grandmother, not only to her own children but to others, she was always a teacher. She was an inspiration to her family and a Christian.

Ruth was an artist whom loved to paint, all her children have a piece of her work. In later years Clarence would take pictures of churches in their travels, and she would then paint them.. She was a pianist, since the age of 12 she played the piano and organ at the church. Ruth belonged to First Baptist

Church Ladies Aide, and taught Sunday school for the church. Ruth belonged to the church for over 95 years. She also belonged to the Mason City Women's Chorus, and was a part of the Cemetery Society. She was always ready to put some coffee on for her family, including a snack for friends and neighbors.

Those left to cherish Ruth's memory are her children Phyllis (Dalyn) Souhrada of Lime Springs, IA. Lois Oetken of Watertown, WI. Merlin Oetken of Mason City, and Paul (Joyce) Oetken of Greenville, MI. She had seventeen grandchildren, thirty-five great grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild. She will also be missed by numerous nieces and nephews. Also the family would like to say a special thank you to the family (staff) at Rockwell Nursing Home.

Ruth was preceded in death by her parents, her sister Catherine Kent, her brothers Gilbert, Dan and Edwin Grummon, a daughter Marilyn June, a daughter-in-law Janice Oetken, grandchildren Dean Oetken, Arianna Oetken, and a great granddaughter Anna Souhrada.

We all know Ruth is now playing piano in heaven with Reva. May she Rest in Paradise.

Fullerton Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 120 S. 3rd ST., Rockwell, Iowa 641-822-3191, www.Fullertonfh.com

Cemetery Details

Rockwell Cemetery

Rockwell, IA

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 11. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Fullerton Funeral Home in Rockwell
120 S 3rd St
Rockwell, IA 50469
(641) 822-3191
mail@fullertonfh.com
<https://www.Fullertonfh.com>

Service

APR 12. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church, Rockwell
121 2nd St. W.
Rockwell, IA 50459
(641) 822-4919

Tribute Wall



“ *Ruth Eleanor Oetken*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Everytime I see a flower...*

Julie Williams - December 02, 2019 at 02:10 PM