



Della Ruth Parker

November 13, 1926 - March 24, 2010

Della Ruth Parker, age 83, of rural Albia, went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, March 24, 2010.

Della Ruth was born November 13, 1926, in Harvey, Iowa to Gerrit John and Blanche Laurel (Larew) Roorda. She grew up, attended and graduated from Harvey High School Class of 1944. After high school Ruth married Harold Paul Parker on January 28, 1945 at the Harvey Methodist Church in Harvey, Iowa. They were blessed with 65 years of marriage and five daughters.

Ruth was a homemaker and after her girls were raised she went back to school and graduated from the nursing program at Indian Hills Community College in Centerville. Ruth worked at the VA Hospital in Knoxville as an LPN, and she farmed with her husband. Ruth attended church at the Albia Baptist Temple, and was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary. She helped start Hospice of Monroe County, and was Volunteer of the Year. She also enjoyed crafts, sewing, and cooking, especially making donuts.

Ruth is survived by her 5 daughters, Patricia (Bob) Carter of Marion, Dorothy (Don) Engelking of Knoxville, Dixie Harnden of Des Moines, Mary Ann (Donald) Schramm of Russell, and Bonnie (Randy) Williams of Eddyville; 16 grandchildren; 2 step grandchildren; 17 great grandchildren; and 10 step great grandchildren. Ruth is also survived by her best friend Marvania Leeper, special niece Betty (Bill) Maxwell and a host of other family and friends.

Ruth is preceded in death, by her parents, Gerrit and Blanche Roorda; and two brothers, Richard Lee and Howard William Roorda.

A Memorial has been established to the Albia Baptist Temple.

Tribute Wall



“ *Della Ruth Parker*

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



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January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ *sorry to hear about the death of your wife and mother my thoughts and prayers are with all of you.*

vivian(po)lawrence - March 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM



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And your burden great to bear,
May you find relief and comfort
Knowing God and friends do care.
And may many lovely memories
Of the one for whom you sorrow,
Lighten some your grief and loss
If not today??tomorrow.*

So sorry for your loss. Unfortunately, we are unable to be there in person, but know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Sharon Chance Robb - March 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ So sorry to hear the news of Ruth's passing. Growing up, I was fortunate enough to have spent time with her. She was always a dear to me.

Jolene Hackett - March 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TN

“ So sorry to hear Della Ruth passed away. The world has lost an amazing person... I'll miss giving her a hard time at her visits and seeing her gentle smiling face. My thoughts and prayers out to all of you. She'll forever be in our hearts.

Tara Lenger (Dr. Baker's nurse) - March 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Harold, Pat, Dorothy, Dixie, Mary Ann & Bonnie, so sorry to hear of your loss, for each cloud, there's a rainbow, for each shadow, the sun and for each parting, memories when sorrow is done. I have many wonderful memories of your mom and you are in my thoughts and prayers!
Darla

Darla (VandenBerg) Safford - March 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SR

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Sharon Chance Robb - March 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PK

“ Bonnie and family,
I am so saddened to hear the loss of your mom. She was a wonderful lady and will be terribly missed. I can remember many a sleep over at the Parker household and with many wonderful memories. May those memories give you great comfort. May God comfort you with his love and know that you will be reunited one day in heaven.

Patty Gordon Kint - March 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ I was sorry to read Ruth has passed away. I worked with Ruth at VA 102AB in the mid 80's. I so enjoyed her. Just makes me smile when I think of her! I know she will be missed, but what memories she left behind.

Mary Vande Noord RN - March 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM