



## Ruth Elizabeth Dunkin

April 19, 1927 - February 5, 2014

Ruth Elizabeth Dunkin, age 86 of Columbia, MO, formerly of Lovilia, died Wednesday, February 5, 2014, at Columbia Manor Care Center in Columbia. Ruth was born April 19, 1927, to Joseph Wallace and Ada (Evans) Manley in Albia. She married Robert Dale Dunkin on November 22, 1942, in Unionville, MO. They shared 37 years together before his passing February 26, 1979.

She worked for the Albia Community School District as a cook for many years. Ruth and her longtime companion, Jim Wallace of Albia, enjoyed camping, traveling, and attending country music shows together. She lived on the family farm near Lovilia until 2009, when she moved to Columbia due to declining health.

Ruth is survived by her companion, Jim Wallace of Albia, a son, Kevin (Judy) Dunkin of Columbia; five grandchildren, Amanda (Herbert) Pang of Brussels, Belgium, Stephen (Amanda) Dunkin of Columbia, William Dunkin of Columbia, Denise (David) Edwards of Cincinnati, IA, and Cynthia (Matt) Hendrickson of Des Moines; five great grandchildren, Dunkin Pang, Tristan Ballalatak, Lennon Edwards, Duncan Hendrickson, and Karen-Lynn Hendrickson; a sister, Josephine Claver of Albia; and a brother, Joseph Manley of Des Moines.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Robert; a daughter, Karen Ballalatak; an infant grandson, Robert Michael Ballalatak; and two

sisters, Helen Manley and Edna Holder.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m., Saturday, February 8, 2014, at Tharp Funeral Home in Albia; with Pastor Richard Grimes officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Lovilia.

Visitation will be 10-11 a.m., Saturday, February 8, 2014, at Tharp Funeral Home in Albia; with Ruth's family present.

An open memorial has been established in Ruth's name.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ruth Elizabeth Dunkin*

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



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“ *My condolences to Karen and Kevin and their families. Ruth was my favorite Aunt. even though we lost touch after my Mother's passing, I thought of her often and how she was always happy and joking. such a wonderful lady.*

Joseph Holder - LaValle, WI - Nephew - May 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *I'm so sorry to hear of your mother's passing, guys. My thoughts are with you.*

Judy Hess - Fairborn, OH - Friend - March 16, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Kevin and family, We enjoyed your Mother so much mainly only saw her at the lake but she always had camper cookies on hand for the kids. Sorry to hear of her passing may the Lord be with you all.*

Kenny and Barb Lovstuen - Albia, IA - friends - February 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ Thoughts and prayers go out to the entire Dunkin family. They all were our neighbors so many years ago there in Lovilia. Many happy memories to be shared. May the Lord Bless You all and comfort you in your hour of need!

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**Patty Gordon Kint - MILTON, IA - Neighbor** - February 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM