



Ruth Ella Gardner

August 20, 1933 - August 3, 2017

Ruth Ella Gardner, age 83 of Albia, passed away on August 3, 2017 under the care of Hospice of Central Iowa at Monroe County Hospital in Albia.

Ruth Ella was born August 20, 1933 to Roby and Grace (Lester) Small on the family farm in Wapello County, Iowa. She attended country school in Wapello County. On December 14, 1951, she married Everett Gardner at the home of Rev. Paul Beckman in Albia. They shared over 63 years of marriage together before Everett's passing on April 13, 2015. To this union 2 children were born, Steve and Norman.

Ruth Ella did the bookkeeping for the farm and worked outside the home for most of her life. She worked for the Monroe County Extension, Illingworth Jewelry and at the Leisure Lounge Senior Center. She was active in the PTO and the Monroe County Hospital Auxiliary She dedicated many years to 4-H in Monroe County, serving as a committee member, a project leader and served seven years as the Monroe County 4-H Aide. In 1999 Ruth Ella and Everett were named to the Monroe County Ag Hall of Fame. She was a member of the Trinity United Methodist Church, the Order of the Eastern Star, Farm Bureau, the So & Sew Club and the Crazy Quilters Guild. She enjoyed reading, sewing and quilting. Her real joy in life was spending time with her family and friends, especially her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Ruth Ella is survived by her son, Steve (Lori) Gardner of Urbandale; 6 grandchildren, Adam, Jesse, Josh, Christine, Shelley, and Marla; 6 great grandchildren; 2 sisters, Icle and Lucille. Ruth Ella is also survived by nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her Husband, Everett Gardner; a son, Norman Gardner; Parents; and siblings, Ida, Inez, Ernest, and Donald.

Visitation will be held from 1:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Saturday, August 5, 2017 at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Ruth Ella's family present from 4:00-8:00 p.m., with Celebration of Life beginning at 6:30 p.m. The family is encouraging all to share favorite memories and stories of Ruth Ella and Everett.

A graveside Service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, August 7, 2017 at Oak View Cemetery in Albia with Pastor Roger Henry officiating. Family and friends that will be attending the service will meet at the cemetery on Monday morning.

In lieu of flowers and plants, the family would prefer memorials be made to Hospice of Central Iowa or to 4-H.

Cemetery Details

Oak View Cemetery

Albia, IA 52531

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 5. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Tharp Funeral Home
116 Benton Ave.
Albia, IA 52531
(641) 932-3129
<https://www.tharpfh.com/>

Celebration of Life

AUG 5. 6:30 PM (CT)

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116 Benton Ave.
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Graveside Service

AUG 7. 10:30 AM (CT)

Oak View Cemetery

Tribute Wall



“ *Ruth Ella Gardner*

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



“ *Ruth Ella Gardner*

January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Ruth Ella Gardner.*



August 07, 2017 at 11:08 AM



“ *Ruth Ella was one of my mother's best friends. We loved Ruth Ella's stories and her infectious laugh. So sorry for your loss.*

Jo Ellen (Kness) Vander Velden

Jo Ellen Vander Velden - August 05, 2017 at 09:33 AM



“ *Kathy Elliott lit a candle in memory of Ruth Ella Gardner*



Kathy Elliott - August 04, 2017 at 08:25 AM

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Rest in peace my friend and co-worker. Heaven will enjoy your cinnamon rolls!

Kathy Elliott - August 04, 2017 at 08:26 AM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Ruth Ella Gardner.*



August 03, 2017 at 04:56 PM