



Ruth Elizabeth Hutchinson

December 13, 1935 - February 16, 2017

Ruth Elizabeth Hutchinson, age 81, of Lovilia, passed away on Thursday, February 16, 2017, at her home in Lovilia.

Ruth was born on December 13, 1935, to William "Bill" and Jessie (Bettis) De Tar in Albia, Iowa. She grew up and graduated from the Albia High School with the Class of 1953. On October 30, 1954 she was united in marriage to Wiley Hutchinson. To this union two children were born, David and Debra. Ruth and Wiley shared 62 years of marriage together.

Ruth was a homemaker her entire life. She also traveled with Wiley and helped with the planning, arranging and hosting of square dancing events in the Midwest from Iowa to Texas. They did this for over 30 years and enjoyed traveling through the different states. She also enjoyed sewing, cooking, and working in her flower garden. Her real joy in life was spending time with her family and friends.

Ruth is survived by her Husband, Wiley of Lovilia; her children, David (Melinda) Hutchinson of Lovilia and Debra (Cory) House of Ottumwa; nine grandchildren, Dustin (Karrie) Hutchinson, Ken Hutchinson, Jess (Alana) Hutchinson, Austin Hutchinson (Sarah Kahler) , Tyler Crall (Jessica Brady), Josie (Brock) Davis, Cody House, Kaylee House and Makenna House; 6 great grandchildren and a brother, Vernon (Becky) De Tar. Ruth is also survived by

several nieces, nephews, cousins and good friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Bill and Jessie.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, February 21, 2017, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Pastor Roger Henry officiating. Burial will follow the service at Woodlawn Cemetery in Lovilia.

Visitation will be held from 3:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. Monday, February 20, 2017, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Ruth's family present to greet friends and family from 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Cemetery Details

Woodlawn

Lovilia, IA

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 20. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

FEB 21. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Ruth Elizabeth Hutchinson*

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



“ *Ruth Elizabeth Hutchinson*

January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ *My memories of Ruth were from our early years when she was a teenager and one of the 'big kids.' I remember her as being very pretty dressed in the style of the fifties -- skirts with lots of petticoats, black and white saddle shoes with bobby socks. I was in awe of her elegance.*

Lois De Tar - February 22, 2017 at 06:50 PM



“ *Wiley and family*

I was so sorry to hear of Ruth's passing. we always enjoyed going to your dances not only enjoyed your calling but Ruth and I had some great conversations. I still make her rhubarb Jam. and everyone loves it. she was a very sweet lady and I know that she will be missed. Kathy Dunbar(formerly of Washington Ia)Moline Il



kathy Dunbar - February 21, 2017 at 10:37 AM

FD

“ *Wiley and family*

I was saddened when my son, Dallas, called me Friday night to say Ruth had passed away. I'm so sorry. Our friendship & square dance days go back several years. Not only did I enjoy your calling, Wiley, I also enjoyed all the conversations I had with Ruth. I guess we felt we had so much in common, following our caller husbands and bringing each other up to date on our families. Ruth was such a Great Gal and will be missed so much. My love & thoughts are with you and your family at this sad time.

Fran Davis, Reinbeck, Iowa

Fran Davis - February 18, 2017 at 10:35 AM

DC

Thank you Fran

Deb Crall - February 19, 2017 at 11:41 AM

ZW

“ *Ruth was my very best friend in High School. We made matching skirts and purses, double dated and spent many hours together. I will miss her very much. God bless. Zelma Chamberlain Weiss*

Zelma Chamberlain Weiss - February 17, 2017 at 06:21 PM

DC

Thank you Zelma

Deb Crall - February 19, 2017 at 09:39 PM

DH

“ When you are around someone your whole life you have so many fond memories you don't even know where to start. one of the most memorable ones for me was my grandma use to put a towel around my neck as a kid so it would be a superman cape. I would then bounce around, be wild, and jump all over the furniture, she would just laugh and giggle the whole time. When my dad or grandpa would come in from outside and grumble at me to stop, like most of us adults would. She would look at them and snap back, he's fine leave him alone. Now, having kids of my own, and dealing with the same things, it makes you reflect on your past. It's just a testament to the love an patience that this woman had for the people in her life, and I will miss her.-Dusty

Dustin Hutchinson - February 17, 2017 at 09:58 AM

LF

Thoughts and prayers are with you all and your family! Ruth was an amazing women and will be very much missed! Lylaine Ford

Lylaine Ford - February 18, 2017 at 06:05 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ruth Elizabeth Hutchinson.



February 17, 2017 at 06:28 AM

CS

“ *Ruth was an amazing wife, mother and grandmother. She always had. A smile and friendly advice for those who need to know something. She loved square dancing. We all will miss her and loved her dearly. Our thoughts are with her family. Hugs Joe and Chris Saltel.*

chris saltel - February 16, 2017 at 09:59 PM

DC

Thank you so much Chris & Joe

Deb Crall - February 17, 2017 at 06:54 AM

CW

Since Wiley, is a cousin of mine I have known Ruth since they were going together. She was such a sweet lady and always had a smile and a kind word for others. We know now that she is in the hands of God. She will be greatly missed by friends and family.

Carol Wonderlich - February 18, 2017 at 11:42 AM