



Ruth Arlene Mosbey

July 26, 1933 - March 13, 2015

Ruth Arlene Mosbey, age 81, of Albia passed away Friday, March 13, 2015, at her home in Albia surrounded by her loving family.

Ruth was born July 26, 1933, in Lucas County to Ray and Nina (Conner) Nickelson. She attended school in Chariton, graduating with the class of 1952. She married Jerry Mosbey on April 26, 1954, at the First Christian Church Parsonage in Albia. To this union, two daughters were born, Rhonda Rae and Brenda Lee. In April, Ruth and Jerry would have celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary.

Ruth's occupational experiences included working for a law firm, insurance companies and as a telephone operator. In 1959 she left the work force to begin her family, later to return part time as a bookkeeper and church secretary. Blessed with grandchildren, Ruth decided to give up working outside of the home to be a grandmother.

Ruth was a member of the First Christian Church and Christian Women's Fellowship. As a young mother she found time to volunteer with the March of Dimes, assisting with the implementation of Head Start and helping with the Lincoln Center Bond Issue; always looking out for the best interest of children. Ruth enjoyed helping Jerry with his woodworking, traveling, cooking and baking. She was a very talented seamstress and embroiderer. Ruth also loved

attending the extracurricular activities of her daughters, grandchildren and eventually her great-grandchildren. She was their number one fan.

Christmas was her favorite time of year. She delighted in her Christmas Bingo game, where you could win prizes ranging from her famous bread and butter pickles to socks. She beamed as she called out numbers and watched her grandchildren. They were her real joy in life. Ruth delighted in teaching life lessons and continued to be a role model for her family as she battled cancer with dignity.

Ruth is survived by her husband, Jerry, of Albia; two daughters, Rhonda Rae (Kerry) Kness of Norwalk and Brenda (Jim) Wynn of Albia; six grandchildren, Brynn (Colin) Eveland, Jordan Kness, Greg (Sara) Wynn, Sarah (Sean) Hollonbeck, Carrie Wynn, and Kevin Wynn; five great-grandchildren, Jace Leasure, Koltin and Maximus Wynn, Daphne Hollonbeck, and Kemper Eveland; four sister-in-laws, Gail Nickelson, Bonnie Hunt, Pat Mosbey, and Sandra Mosbey; and two brother-in-laws, Bill and Ben Mosbey. Ruth is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; Ray and Nina; two brothers, Lyle and Keith; a sister-in-law, Donna; and a brother-in-law, Alfred Hunt.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 18, 2015, at the First Christian Church in Albia, with Pastor Lynda Carlson officiating.

Burial will follow services in Oak View Cemetery in Albia.

Visitation will be held from 11:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 17, 2015, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Ruth's family present from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Ruth Arlene Mosbey*

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



“ *Ruth Arlene Mosbey*

January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ *Brenda,
So sorry to read of your mom's passing. May the memoires you
have help in the weeks & months ahead. Sending love & sympathy.*

Donna Webb - Greensboro, NC - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Was sorry to hear of Ruth's passing. My thoughts and prayers are
with you at this difficult time.*

Teresa Scieszinski - Ankeny, IA - March 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *With deepest sympathy we express to you and all your family. Ruth
was an inspiration to many and such a delightful person to be
around. She treated everyone like family and I cherished knowing
her. I will keep fond memories close to my heart. Praying for peace
for each of you. Love you all!*

Mike and Peggy Murphy - Marion, IA - Friend - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ So sorry---this lady was certainly one of a kind! I know you will miss her terribly but her suffering is over. She was always so pleasant...I enjoyed visiting with her. My love and prayers to all of you!

Kate Brock - Albia, IA - Friend - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. Your family and ours go back many years and I always found you and Ruth to be some of the kindest people I ever met. I will keep the memories close to my heart especially in the days to come.

Dean Kness - Albia, IA - Family friend - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BI

“ Brenda,Rhonda and Jerry. So sorry to hear about Ruth ' s passing. She was a wonderful person. My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this difficult time.

Becky Seeley - Sigourney, IA - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ Rhonda - I am keeping you and your whole family in my prayers. I so wish I could be there at your Mom's services to help you celebrate her wonderful life and to grieve with you also. Take care - sending you hugs - katie

Katie Wainwright - Windsor Heights, IA - Friend - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Sending love and prayers to comfort your entire family. Ruth ' s smile will be missed by all who knew her. A very devoted and loving wife, mother, grandmother, neighbor and friend

Rhonda J Kness - Albia, IA - friend - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Jerry, Rhonda, Brenda and families,
We just learned of Ruth's passing. We are so very sorry for your loss. Ruth was such a sweet, kind woman who will be missed by many. We visited with her last summer several times while we all were watching our grandkids swimming lessons. I also had the pleasure of taking care of her during her rare visits when I worked at the clinic.

We can't be there for the services but will certainly be thinking of you all.

Sincerely,
Patty & Tom

Tom and Patty Hannam - Albia, IA - Friend - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ This just breaks my heart. Your Mom and Dad have been through so much and both worked so hard to win their health battles...it's just so very sad for all of you. My heart goes out to you and my prayers continue for your Dad.

Debi Reed - Albia, IA - friend - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Brenda and family I wanted to express my condolences. I thought your mom was so kind and sweet. God bless her and you all.

Debbie Wolfer - Albia , IA - friend - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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Tom and Patty Hannam - Albia, IA - Friend - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ just received word of your mother's passing. may God speed and bless her soul.

Andy Simmons - Fulton, IL - Friend - March 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Our heartfelt sympathy is with you Jerry, Rhonda and Brenda at this sad time. Ruth was our classmate and special friend at CHS. We had many good times and laughs together, she was terrific person.

Connie & Don Retherford - Bettendorf, IA - CHS classmates - March 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Rhonda and Kerry,
Ruth was a warm and gentle woman who will be missed by all who knew her. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Joanne and Jim Larsen

Joanne Larsen - March 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Rhonda, Brenda and Jerry,

So sorry to hear about Ruth. She was a wonderful lady who loved her family. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Marty & Mary Ann Baker - West Des Moines, IA - Friend - March 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you. You all have your wonderful memories of this very special lady. Always had a amile and always anxious to talk about her family.*

Don and Mary Carr - Urbzndale, IA - Friends - March 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *I was so sorry to hear of the loss of Ruth! Know that I am holding you all close at this time. Mary. ??????????????*

Mary Stierwalt - Chariton, IA - Friend - March 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TA

“ *Jerry, Rhonda, & Brenda. We are so sorry for your loss. Such a wonderful happy lady always wearing a big smile. The picture you posted is sure how we will always remember Aunt Ruth...Smiling!! With our Sympathy. Paul, Tina, Ashley & Zach Mosbey*

Tina Mosbey - Hedrick, IA - Aunt - March 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Jerry, Rhonda, Brenda we are so sorry for your loss. Ruth was a very special lady. We have been friends sense Jerry and Larry was going to Army Reserve together. Rhonda you were about 6 months old and our Pam was about a month old I think. Take care. Larry and Phyllis

Larry & Phyllis Whitson - Albia, IA - friend - March 15, 2015 at 12:00 AM