



Ruth W. Nelson

August 23, 1917 - March 14, 2012

Ruth Nelson passed away on March 14, 2012 at St Gabriel's Hospital on her husband Sigfred's Birthday.

Ruth Wilhelmina Gebert Nelson was born on August 23, 1917 in Princeton, Minnesota to William & Ida (Noeske) Gebert. She was the oldest of four children. She attended school in Princeton, graduating in 1935 and also graduated from the School of Agriculture in St. Paul in 1937. She worked as a County Extension 4-H Club Agent in Morrison, Benton & Sherburne Counties until she married Sigfred Nelson on October 5, 1939 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Princeton. They built a new house on 80 acres in Rail Prairie Township. Ruth and Sig raised four children, Ruth Ann, Betty Lou, JaNahne (Jan) and Gerald (Jerry). In 1948, her family was selected by the Minneapolis Tribune as "The Representative Upper Midwest Family", the copy of the Tribune they were featured in was sealed in a Century Vault to be opened in 2048. In 1961, Camp Ripley purchased their farm and they bought a home overlooking Lake Alexander. In 1969 Ruth was selected as Minnesota Mother of the Year. Ruth and Sig traveled extensively throughout the United States and Canada. She was active in 4-H, Luther League, Rural Youth Group in Morrison County, the Evangelical Free Church in Lincoln for Women's Ministries and Sunday School Teacher. She was employed by Sears for 21 years. After retirement, she and Sig traveled to Elder Hostels throughout the United States. She enjoyed working in her flower gardens. She and Sig resided on Lake Alexander until 1998 when they sold their home and moved

to Little Falls.

Ruth is survived by daughters, Ruth Bullard of Marysville, WA; Betty (Ron) Backes of The Villages, FL; JaNahne (Neil) McCready-Johnson of Coon Rapids, MN; and son, Gerald (Nancy) of Annapolis, MD; brothers Chet Gebert and Harold (Verna) Gebert of Fargo, ND; 10 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Ruth was preceded in death by her husband of 62 years, Sigfred; parents; brother, Donald Gebert; grandchildren Dean Bullard and Dena Mashek.

Memorials preferred to Lincoln Evangelical Free Church or Gideons International in lieu of flowers.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 24. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Lincoln Evangelical Free Church
1354 320th Street
Cushing, MN

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Ruth W. Nelson*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - March 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Ruth W. Nelson*

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *Ruth was my Grandpa Ted's niece, and a real treasure trove of history and stories about our Noeske family. I only saw her in person a few times, but I always remembered how nice she was. Rest in peace.##imported-begin##Stacy (Christopher) Nguyen##imported-end##*

April 11, 2012 at 02:51 PM



“ *Our deepest sympathy to all of your family. Art's memories of growing up and going to Luther League and school with your family are many. It wasn't that long ago that he was wondering how Ruth was. May God keep you all in his loving care, Our Love, Art and Mary Helmerick##imported-begin##Art & Mary Helmerick##imported-end##*

March 31, 2012 at 10:18 PM



“ Mom's neice, Kimberly Gebert Stephens, sent this message to the family: I'm so sorry to hear about Aunt Ruth - - she was a great lady! It is so cool that she choose to go be with Uncle Sig on his birthday. My love and thoughts to everyone as you celebrate her life.###imported-begin##Betty Backes###imported-end##

March 29, 2012 at 11:07 AM



“ Valerie Gebert, Ruth's neice sent these messages: Aunt Ruth was an inspiration to so many people. She left an incredible legacy to all she touched with her strong-willed, faithful personality. Aunt Ruth was a fiercely loyal, firebrand of a modern twentieth-century woman; a pioneer and model of passionate living for the scores of people whose lives she touched.###imported-begin##Betty Backes###imported-end##

March 29, 2012 at 11:03 AM



“ Mom's cousin. Greg Gebert, sent this message to the family. Thanks for letting me know that my beloved and iconic cousin has passed away. I don't have to tell you what a positive influence she will be remembered for by so many people. I send my love and condolences. I have vivid memories of a great visit that Avis and I had with Ruth and Sig several years ago(maybe 20??) when we picked strawberries by the lake with Katherine, Dolly and Mildred, followed by making ice cream to go with them, Minnesota style, with ice and salt and a hand-cranked ice maker. It was a day right out of my youth and I will dearly miss her. Love, Greg###imported-begin##Betty Backes###imported-end##

March 29, 2012 at 10:56 AM



“ I work with Danh Nelson, Ruth's daughter-in-law and although I have never met Mrs. Nelson Danh has told me many stories of their relationship from when they first met to recipes she taught Dahn. My thoughts and prayers are with all you.##imported-begin##Marianne Levy##imported-end##

March 27, 2012 at 08:57 AM



“ Ruth, Such a steady, strong, Christian Woman. Idwin and I will be for ever thankful for all the kindness Ruth and Sig gave to the Winberg Family.
Our hearts are sad for the loss of this dear Mother and Grandmother.
Our deepest Sympathy to all.

Barb and Idwin##imported-begin##Barbara and Idwin Winberg##imported-end##

March 25, 2012 at 02:50 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers go out to all the Family. Ruth was a special person in my life and I never forgot what i learned from her. She was the inspiration to my returning to college to become a special education teacher. She was a lady who cared about other in a very special way. Her memory will always be with me.##imported-begin##Carole Hix Campbell##imported-end##

March 22, 2012 at 04:47 PM



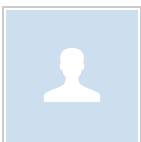
“ I just found out about Ruth from my sister Kay and her daughter Erin. My sincere condolences to the Nelson family. I fondly remember Mr. and Mrs. Nelson from our carpooling days between Little Falls and Faribault. They were such a sweet couple I just couldn't forget them. You all are in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Peggy Virnig Mnich##imported-end##

March 22, 2012 at 04:16 PM



“ Jan and the rest of your Mother's family.
With deepest sympathy on the loss of your Mother. She had a very long life with lots of memories she had shared with the children and grandchildren.
She is now at peace and with her husband and the greatest person that she will meet our Lord Jesus Christ and host of angels as well. I pray for your family for God's healing strength and comfort as you all begin to heal.
Deepest Sympathy, Sharon Svenningsen (Class of 1961)##imported-begin##Sharon Svenningsen##imported-end##

March 22, 2012 at 12:48 PM



“ Mom, we all miss you. Our great memories of you will linger in us as long as we live. You are now walking with Dad as well as with your beloved relatives. We love you.
Janeil and family##imported-begin##JaNahne McCready##imported-end##

March 21, 2012 at 12:38 PM



“ HELLO THE MEMBER FAMILY OF NESLON.
I AM SORRY ABOUT YOUR MOTHER PASSED AWAY AND
WOW, SHE LIVE LONG LIFE FOR HER AGE. GOD BLESS YOU
ALL..
THANK YOU, JACQUELINE. ROSE MARIE STICH AND HER
FAMILY...##imported-begin##Jacqueline Ann (Danko)
Stich##imported-end##

March 20, 2012 at 05:49 PM



“ Grandma Ruth Nelson, I thank you for your strength and support of
me through out my life.You and Grandpa were such good role
models.Both of you never held
any type of judgement & your example of faith has been very
inspirational.I
thank God every day that I was so lucky to have the best grand
parents in the world.Grandma now you are free of pain and dancing
with Grandpa in heaven.Now
God has his number one angel with him.
Grandma you will always be for ever in my heart.With love
Terry##imported-begin##Terry McCreedy##imported-end##

March 15, 2012 at 11:12 PM