



## Ruth S (Strunk) Nelson

July 13, 1926 - September 13, 2013

Ruth A. Nelson, 87, Beecher, IL died suddenly Friday, September 13, 2013 as a result of an automobile accident. Ruth was born July 13, 1926 in Irene, South Dakota To John and Anna (nee Christiansen) Strunk. She married Wayne Nelson in Irene, South Dakota on Dec. 27, 1950. Ruth was a hairdresser in Beecher for many years, loved camping with good Sam's Camping Club, member of the fireman's auxiliary, member of the Sweet Adeline Barber Shop Quartet, Shaklee Product distributor, loved to dance and will be missed by her many friends and relatives with which she enjoyed spending time. Surviving are a daughter Dianne (Jim) Newberry of Grant Park, three sons: Dean (Andi) Nelson of Grant Park, David (Jenny) Nelson of Kenner, LA and Dale (Debbie) Nelson of Crete; Seven Grandchildren: Alexander, Lindsey, Rylee, Tyler, Steven, Matthew, and Jamie; Three sisters: Violet (Jacque) Hart of San Diego, CA, Faye Iles of Napa, Idaho and Rubye (Dave) Siemon of Mobridge, South Dakota. Besides her parents and husband Wayne, four brothers preceded her in death: Warren, Orland, Merle and Lyle Strunk. Visitation will be on Thursday, September 19, 2013 from 3 until 8 pm at Hack Funeral Home in Beecher and services will be on Friday, September 20, 2013 at 10:00 am also at the Hack Funeral Home. Burial will be in Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood, IL. Memorials may be given to the family for Charities to be decided at a later date.

# Tribute Wall

JH

“ Sorry our condolences are being sent this late. We have been experiencing health issues. We just found out of Ruth's passing. She was such a beautiful and gracious woman. Her love and blessings were felt by many. I had not received e-mails from her, and I sent one a few days ago, with no reply. Today I finally checked the newspaper for the month of September. We will be sending a memorial. With many prayers, Janet & Byron Hanson

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**Janet & Byron Hanson** - October 02, 2019 at 07:02 PM

JH

“ We want to send our sympathy and prayers to Ruth's entire family. We count ourselves blest to have known them for many years. Ruth had called and talked to me about going to the Good Sam camping event. She was really looking forward to this time with her friends. She talked often of her wonderful family. We were at their home and did many Shaklee meetings. We were also blest with them visiting us in Owatonna, MN. Byron stayed with Ruth and Wayne in Beecher to do Shaklee meetings. He met many of the children. With love and hugs, Janet & Byron Hanson

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**Janet & Byron Hanson** - October 02, 2019 at 07:02 PM

MR

“ Found out recently...so sorry. Always admired Ruth @ our Parkinson's Mtg. even AFTER Wayne's passing. She was our role model !

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**Mr&MrsMichaelMartin** - October 02, 2019 at 07:02 PM

LH

“ Dear Dianne: please accept my deepest condolences to you and your family. Your mom was a lovely lady and my prayers are with you during this difficult time.  
Lois

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**Lois Hansen** - October 02, 2019 at 07:02 PM

LM

“ Diane,  
  
I was so sorry to hear about your mom. I just found out about it today. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.  
  
Linda

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**Linda Massey** - October 02, 2019 at 07:02 PM

MS

“ Sorry for your loss In our prayers

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**Mr. Mrs. Robert Squier** - October 02, 2019 at 07:02 PM

NC

“ I am so sorry to be out of town, and not able to attend your Mom's wake or funeral services. I thought highly of her, and your Dad. She taught me how to polka years ago and I have never forgotten that experience. My thoughts are with all of you.  
Nelson Collins

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**Nelson Collins** - October 02, 2019 at 07:02 PM

JB

“ I am sorry for the loss of your mom. I met her at our Beecher Curves monthly lunch. She will be dearly missed.

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**Joanne Burkert** - October 02, 2019 at 07:02 PM

DB

“ To the Nelson Family,  
We are sending our deepest sympathy to all of you. Your mom was a good friend to both of us. Because of health issues, I, Ruthann, will be unable to come to the time of visitation or attend the service tomorrow. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Blessings,  
Dale and Ruthann Bult

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**Dale and Ruthann Bult** - October 02, 2019 at 07:02 PM

DB

“ To the Nelson Family,  
We extend our deepest sympathy to all of you. Your mom was a good friend to both of us.  
Because of health issues I, Ruthann, will not be able to attend the wake or funeral on Fri.,but all of you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Blessings,  
Dale and Ruthann Bult

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**Dale and Ruthann Bult** - October 02, 2019 at 07:02 PM

RB

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the Nelson Family. Seems like yesterday when I lived across the street at 545 Park in the mid 80's and remember having conversations with Ruth in the yard. I remember her being so nice and a her smile.

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**Randy Byerley** - October 02, 2019 at 07:02 PM

BB

“ Condolences to the family -We will always remember her beautiful smile.

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**Bill and Jean Burleson** - October 02, 2019 at 07:02 PM

DP

“ We are so sorry for the loss of your mother. She was a wonderful neighbor and will be truly missed.

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**David & Tammy Pedersen** - October 02, 2019 at 07:02 PM

MH

“ We were good friends of Ruth thru Good Sam. We offer our prayers for the family and ask God to give you strength, courage and faith to get thru the days that lay ahead.

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**Mary Lou and Chuck Howard** - October 02, 2019 at 07:02 PM

RA

“ Dean and Andi...  
Our sincere condolences to you both and your family in the loss of your mom.

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**Roger and Paula Anderson** - October 02, 2019 at 07:02 PM

RP

“ Dear Nelson Family,  
We are so sorry for the loss of your Mother. She was a wonderful neighbor and Friend to us. We will miss her smiling face and all of our conversations. I remember when we first moved in how Ruth & Wayne welcomed us with open arms. She was truly a wonderful woman and we will truly miss her. May God comfort you during this difficult time.

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**Robert, Vicky, Jeffery & Lauren Pigman** - October 02, 2019 at 07:02 PM

TT

“ Dear Diane and family, we are so sorry for the loss of your mother. We will miss her smiling face and positive outlook on life. She was a great neighbor and a great friend. May god hold you in his grace during this difficult time.

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**Tim And Mary Thompson** - October 02, 2019 at 07:02 PM

CF

“ Dear Dianne and your entire family, I send my sincere sympathies to all of you in the loss of your mother. The love and support of a mother can never be replaced, but I hope you find some strength, in the love of family and in the warm embrace of friends.

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**Carole Franke** - October 02, 2019 at 07:02 PM

SY

“ A GARDEN PATH was sent by Sue Yasko. Dean and Family, I am so sorry for your loss. My heart felt thoughts and prayers are with you. God Bless you.

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**sue yasko** - October 02, 2019 at 07:02 PM

BB

“ Dale, I am so sorry to hear the news of your mothers passing. Find peace in the memories and strength in your family. My prayers are with you and your family.

*Bob*

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**Bob Bradley** - October 02, 2019 at 07:02 PM

MN

“ My deepest condolences to the Nelson family on the passing of your family matriarch. May God's blessing be upon you at this most difficult time.

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**Mike & Kathy Novak** - October 02, 2019 at 07:02 PM

LH

“ Diane, Dean, David and Dale,

We were truly sorry to hear about your Mom. May God give you the strength to deal with the situation. I had just stopped by on Wednesday to pick up some Shaklee products, and of course we talked for awhile. She will be truly missed.

Sorry we won't be able to make the wake, since we will be out of town. We will be thinking of you in our prayers.

*Leon and Donna Heldt*

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**Leon and Donna Heldt** - October 02, 2019 at 07:02 PM

KS

“ I'm so very sorry and express my deepest sympathy. Mrs. Nelson was my Shaklee lady and I enjoyed visiting with her each time I went. She was a beautiful lady, inside and out. God Bless during this difficult time...and always.

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**karen smith** - October 02, 2019 at 07:02 PM

JG

“ Dear Dean and family so sorry to hear about your mom, you have my sincere sympathy.

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**Joyce Buchmeier Goodman** - October 02, 2019 at 07:02 PM

PB

“ *Diane and family,  
I was so shocked to hear about your mom. I just talked to her at the 4th of July in Beecher. She was sitting near us eating dinner and I commented on how good she looked and how alert she was! My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.*

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**Pat (Buck) Broederdorf** - October 02, 2019 at 07:02 PM

DK

“ *Dearest Dianne, Dean, David and Dale,  
Our heartfelt condolences being sent your way. Your Mom was such an upstanding Christian woman and is now in the arms of our Lord Jesus Christ. She touched so many lives and will live on in our hearts!*

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**Debbie & Mike Kotecki** - October 02, 2019 at 07:02 PM

MV

“ *My heart goes out to you. She always was a pretty looking, and smiling woman. R.I.P. Ruth. Now you are with your beloved husband.*

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**Mariana Villasenor** - October 02, 2019 at 07:02 PM

KM

“ *Just heard the sad news! Brings back memories of our Mother who was also hit by a semi in Peotone years ago. Same fate for her. Ruth was so happy at the last Good Sam's Rally as one of our club members had asked her to dance. She grinned the whole time! We will miss her terribly in church and in camping with her.  
Karen and Bill Muirhead  
Crete*

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**karen and bill murihead** - October 02, 2019 at 07:02 PM

RH

“ *Diane, Dean, David, Dale and Families-My deep sympathy at your loss. Praying for God's peace and comfort in your time of mourning.*

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**Ruth Bernhard Herzog** - October 02, 2019 at 07:02 PM

RJ

“ *My thoughts and prayers to the Nelson family during this most difficult time.*

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**RaeAnn (Hartke) James** - October 02, 2019 at 07:02 PM