



## Ruth Elaine McClurkin

August 6, 1925 - November 20, 2017

Ruth Elaine (McDaniel) McClurkin, 92, formerly of Grand Island died Monday, November 20, 2017 at Sumner Place, Lincoln.

Memorial service will be held at 10:00 a.m. Friday, December 1st, at Trinity Lutheran Church. Rev. Jack Gillam will officiate. Burial of ashes will be at Cameron Cemetery.

Gathering of family and friends will be from 5-7 p.m. Thursday at All Faiths Funeral Home.

Ruth was born August 6, 1925 in Norfolk, Nebraska, the daughter of Joseph and Rose (Brasch) McDaniel. She was baptized and confirmed at Grace Lutheran Church.

Ruth attended the Norfolk Public Schools and graduated from Norfolk Senior High School. She attended Wayne State College, Wayne, Nebraska (2-Year Teaching Certificate) and Kearney State College, Kearney, Nebraska earning a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education.

Ruth was united in marriage to Robert McClurkin at Grace Lutheran Church, Norfolk, Nebraska on June 25, 1950. From this union there were six children, five daughters and a son. The couple farmed north of Shelton through 1979, before moving to Grand Island. Ruth taught in various schools throughout her teaching years including Beatrice, Ravenna, District 5 (Wood River), Cairo and Grand Island Public Schools (Dodge Elementary, Gates Elementary and Howard Elementary).

Ruth belonged to many organizations and held various positions in ADK,

Retired Teachers, AAUW, LWML, Ruth Society, Dorcas Society, Ladies Aid, Parliamentary Club, and Genealogy Club. Plus, she attended bible study, taught catechism classes and volunteered on voting day.

Ruth loved reading, working on puzzles and doing genealogy with her sister, Jo. She also enjoyed collecting news articles of Johnny Carson, a fellow classmate.

Survivors include four daughters, Barbara Lucas of Kearney, Christine Scott (Earl Fosler) of Milford, Marilyn (Rick) Roenfeldt of Ashburn, Virginia and Lisa McClurkin Vargason and son, Steven (Terri) McClurkin of Grand Island; sister, Jo (Leon) Schafer; brothers, Robert (Arnetta) McDaniel of Norfolk and Neil McDaniel of St. Peters, Missouri.

Those also left to cherish her memory include eight grandsons, Geoffrey (Kayla) Roenfeldt of Kearney, Trevor Vargason of Lincoln, Trenton (Whitney) Vargason of Lincoln, Jorma Lucas of Kansas City, Skye Lucas of Kearney, Daniel (Amber) Scott of Kearney, David Scott of Lincoln and Jesse Runge of Grand Island; thirteen great grandchildren, Jordane of Sutton, Stephen of Kansas City, Veah of Kearney, Heidi and Holly of Kearney, Brendon and Mya of Lincoln, Ashton and Macy of Kearney, Tucker, Braelyn, and Croix of Lincoln and Nolan of Lincoln; nieces, nephews, cousins and a special classmate, Miriam (Raasch) Korte of Stanton, Nebraska.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Robert Bruce of 64 years of marriage and an infant daughter, Marlana Louise.

Memorials will be designated at a later time.

# Cemetery Details

## Cameron Cemetery

Cameron, NE

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **30**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

All Faiths Funeral Home  
2929 S Locust St  
Grand Island, NE 68801  
(308) 398-2929  
allfaiths@giallfaiths.com  
<https://www.giallfaiths.com/>

## Memorial Service

DEC **1**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Trinity Lutheran Church  
Grand Island, NE

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ruth Elaine McClurkin*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *Ruth was a wonderful neighbor to us over the years. She took such great pride in her lawn and the mums in front of her house. When we would walk by, she would always stop what she was doing and we'd have a nice visit with her. She was quite a storyteller! Our condolences to you. Vince and Sharon Hernandez*

**Vince and Sharon Hernandez** - December 01, 2017 at 09:43 AM



“ *Steven-- My "Deepest Sympathy" to you w/the passing of your Mother, Ruth. When I worked at Walmart, Ruth would look me up to have a nice conversation, or if she couldn't find something. I was glad to take her to what she was looking for. When I worked with you, she would always inquire about you! I'll always remember her as a quiet, loving person, who I enjoyed very much. She'll always have a special place in my heart. God's Blessings to you & your family. Howard will be gone now a year on December 27TH.. Quite a different style of life now, after being married for 43 years, & his caregiver for 4 years, prior to his passing. Take Care-- Vivian Jensen*

**Vivian Jensen** - November 30, 2017 at 01:11 AM



“ *Ruth was a friend, a teacher to our children, and just a wonderful person, You have our deepest sympathy.  
Carole & Jim Etherton*

**James & Carole** - November 29, 2017 at 08:03 PM

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“ I have very fond memories of Mrs. McClurkin. I was in the last class that she taught at Howard Elementary School. She even started a "book club" for several of the girls in her class after she retired. What a wonderful woman!  
My thoughts and prayers are with your family.  
Kari (Braun) Price

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**Kari Price** - November 29, 2017 at 09:27 AM

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“ To Ruth's Family:

*Ruth was such a great friend to my mother, Genon Kerby, for so many years. I know they had a love for teaching in common. Ruth was always so kind and had such a big heart. May God comfort you. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Clint Kerby*

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**Clint Kerby** - November 28, 2017 at 09:23 PM