



## Ruth Louise Sorensen Larson

September 9, 1930 - January 15, 2018

Ruth Louise Sorensen Larson, 87, passed away peacefully on January 15, 2018 at Good Samaritan Village in Grand Island, NE.

A memorial service to celebrate Ruth's life will be held at the Cairo United Methodist Church at 2:00 pm on Saturday, January 27. All Faiths Funeral Home of Grand Island is entrusted with the arrangements.

Ruth, a native of Cairo, Nebraska, lived most of her life in that community where her family remains deeply rooted. Her Great Grandparents, James Henry and Anna Olds Hulett, were early pioneers in Mayfield Township in Hall County, on land that is still in the family. Ruth was the oldest daughter of Wesley Elliot Sorensen and Helen Louise Hulett born on September 9, 1930. Upon graduation from Cairo High School in 1947, she attended Doane College receiving a teacher's certificate, where she met many lifelong friends who corresponded in a "round robin" until very recently and was a member of Phi Sigma Tau sorority. She taught third grade in York, NE for one year before marrying the love of her life, Bob Larson, on June 25, 1950, with whom she fell in love as soon as she heard his beautiful tenor voice in the church choir. For over 65 years, they enjoyed a wonderful life together, dancing, singing, attending concerts, enjoying fun evenings with friends, and traveling, especially to Scottsdale, AZ where they enjoyed winters.

She was active in the Cairo United Methodist Church, as a member of the choir, a pianist, a Sunday School teacher, an MYF leader, and a member of the United Methodist Women. She was a member of the Order of Eastern Star in Cairo and is a member of PEO Chapter E.H. in Grand Island. For many years, Ruth volunteered at the St. Francis Hospital and served as a citizen's advocate for a mentally challenged woman. Ruth loved to read and greatly enjoyed her book club. She was an active partner with Bob, longtime chairman and president of The State Bank of Cairo, now known as Pathway Bank. She was a wonderful mother to Seanne and Mary, providing a happy and welcoming home for family and friends. The house was always filled with laughter, music and good food. Ruth was fond of saying "Danes have a lot of fun." Her greatest joy was her grandchildren and great grandchildren and she was incredibly proud of each of them.

Ruth had a generous spirit which was returned many times over through the kindness of the community, greatly appreciated by her and the family. She exuded grace and dignity, attributes that were appreciated and for which she was known by both family and friends.

Ruth is survived by her daughters Seanne Louise Larson Emerton and husband Tom of Cairo, NE; and Mary Helen Larson Diaz and husband Francisco "Paco" Diaz of Leawood, KS; and grandchildren Nathan and Britt Emerton and their children Henrik and Elin of Cambridge, MA; Andrew and Megan Emerton and their children Garrett and Ellis of Fort Collins, CO; and Ryan Diaz and fiancée Chandler Howard of Overland Park, KS; and many nieces and nephews.

Ruth was preceded in death by her father, mother, sister Dorothy Lee Sorensen Heckman, and husband Bob, who died on December 23, 2015.

The family respectfully requests donations be made to the Cairo Community

Foundation of the Cairo United Methodist Church.

# Cemetery Details

## Mount Pleasant Cemetery

Cairo, NE

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ruth Louise Sorensen Larson*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ruth Louise Sorensen Larson.*



January 26, 2018 at 11:30 AM



“ *Roy and I are sorry for the loss of your mother. Ruth was a lovely person we have known for a number of years. We had an enduring relationship with her and Bob. We have missed seeing them since we moved to Omaha years ago. Ruth and Bob were an exemplary couple and delightful company. Your family has our deepest sympathy.*

*Roy & Gloria Dinsdale*

**Chevonne Garfield** - January 25, 2018 at 05:24 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Ruth Louise Sorensen Larson.*



January 25, 2018 at 02:41 PM

SS

“ So sorry to hear about Ruth. Augie and Faye always thought the world of her as did Gregg and I. Such a beautiful woman with a smile and always so friendly. My sincere sympathy to you girls and all your family! Love Sharon Schwartz

Sharon Schwartz - January 24, 2018 at 08:35 AM



“ I am sorry for your loss, Seanne and Tom. She must have been an amazing woman.

Peter Letheby - January 23, 2018 at 06:17 PM

JB

“ Ruth was my guardian angel when my husband nearly died in 1986 and I had never met her. I was and shall forever know that she is just one step behind me and I am Always looking out for her. I will never forget that loving woman who I always call my angel.

Jo Bubbs - January 23, 2018 at 07:21 AM

PH

“ So sorry to hear of your mother's passing. She was a wonderful and loving person. She will be greatly missed but not forgotten. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Pat and Bob Hancock

Pat Hancock - January 21, 2018 at 07:56 AM

KV

“ You will be missed by me and all who knew you. I will miss our talks and how you would admire and touch my tattoos. My memories of you will always be something I cherish.

KIRBY VANWINKLE - January 18, 2018 at 09:52 PM

SE

*Thank you so much Kirby. Mom thought the world of you and your family....(and loved those tattoos!)*

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**Seanne Emerton** - January 19, 2018 at 07:58 AM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ruth Louise Sorensen Larson.*



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January 18, 2018 at 02:32 PM

JW

“ *Seanne and family -- so sorry to hear of the loss of your Mother. Colin and Janet Stoeger Wilke*

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**Janet Stoeger Wilke** - January 18, 2018 at 09:05 AM

CJ

“ *Ruth was a special person. She was a 2nd cousin, I think, her mother being my grandfather's sister. I have fond memories of Ruth and Bob at church when I was a child and at extended family get togethers especially at the farmhouse of Helen and Wes. She will be missed.*

*Carole Landon Jacoby, Harriet Dove Landon's daughter.*

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**Carole Jacoby** - January 17, 2018 at 11:00 PM

SE

*Thank you Carole. I have fond memories of you and your family as well. Our Uncle Earl and Grandma Helen were so close. I remember how they loved to watch baseball on television together. It's heart warming to hear you have memories of family get togethers on the farm/home place. Tom and I still live on this land and enjoyed raising our sons here. Now it is still the gathering place for extended family. You are welcome any time. Seanne*

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**Seanne Emerton** - January 19, 2018 at 08:01 AM

EW

“ *Ruth was truly a beautiful lady both inside and outside. She had a way of always lighting up a room. Her memories will live on. Our condolences to your family.*  
*Ed and Cheryl Walker*

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**Ed Walker** - January 17, 2018 at 07:02 PM

SE

*Thank you Ed. She really loved you guys. And yes, nice to remember how she did have that way of lighting up a room.*

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**Seanne Emerton** - January 19, 2018 at 08:02 AM

SH

“ *So very sorry to hear about the loss of your Mother. Ruth always looked so nice and had a smile on her face.*  
*God's Blessing,*  
*Sandy and Steve Hoke*

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**Sandy Johnson Hoke** - January 17, 2018 at 04:58 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ruth Louise Sorensen Larson.*



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January 17, 2018 at 09:37 AM