



Ruth M. Steiner

August 13, 1922 - January 25, 2016

Ruth M. Steiner, age 93 of Highland, IL, died Monday, January 25, 2016, at Saint Joseph's Hospital in Highland, IL.

She was born on Sunday, August 13, 1922, in Highland, IL, the daughter of Charles and Milda A. (nee Steiner) Casper.

On Thursday, August 24, 1944, she married Leland E. Steiner who passed away on Friday, February 26, 1988.

Ruth was born in Highland and lived on the family farm until 1989, when she moved into town. She attended Highland Community School and graduated in 1940. She served as class reunion organizer until their last reunion of 70 years. She worked for C. Kinney's Grocery Store following high school. She married Leland and they bought a farm where they dairied, as the Dairy Crest Holsteins, until 1975. She spent many hours helping carry milk, gathering eggs, driving the tractor for hay baling, serving delicious lunches for the balers, driving grain into town and gardening. They continued to farm until Leland passed in 1988 and shortly thereafter she moved to town.

Through the years Ruth served as a St. Joseph hospital volunteer, 4-H Leader, and worked part-time at Louis Latzer Library in Highland. She was a member of the Honorary Women's Guild, Evangelical United Church of Christ,

where she served several offices throughout the years, Mid America Dairy Association and Ladies Auxiliary to Highland-Pierron Volunteer Fire Department. She belonged to several card clubs and treasured the friendships she made. She was a avid reader, especially fond of Amish stories. She crocheted and knitted afghans for all of her children and grandchildren and loved genealogy, playing Pinochle and Euchre and Rummikub. She was a very loving, caring mother, grandmother, and great grandmother, (particularly good with the little ones), and adored by all. She will be remembered for her love of others, her smile, her joy, and sense of humor.

Survivors include:

Daughter - Janet L. (Robert) Bircher, Highland, IL
Daughter - Jo Ellen Koelz, Columbia, MO
Daughter - Cheryl "Cherie" A. (Edward) Sievers, Staunton, IL
Grandchild - Brett R. (Lisa) Bircher, Maryville, IL
Grandchild - Todd R. (Nikki) Bircher, Maplewood, MO
Grandchild - Beau S. (Wendy) Sievers, Troy, IL
Grandchild - Megan S. (Rev. Scott) Busacker, Harvel, IL
Grandchild - Brooke M. (Nic) Parks, Columbia, MO
Great Grandchild - Jack M. Bircher, Maryville, IL
Great Grandchild - Cole R. Bircher, Maplewood, MO
Great Grandchild - Caleb R. Bircher, Maplewood, MO
Great Grandchild - Beckett M. Parks, Columbia, MO
Great Grandchild - Ethan M. Gratton, Troy, IL
Great Grandchild - Sadie Amelia Sievers, Troy, IL
Great Grandchild - Adelyn M. Sievers, Troy, IL
Great Grandchild - Brea L. Sievers, Troy, IL
Great Grandchild - Max L. Busacker, Harvel, IL
Sister - Laurene L. Riggs, Highland, IL
Sister - Betty M. Tschannen, Highland, IL
Sister - Eunice (Dr. Arlo) Landolt, Baton Rouge, LA

Sister In-law - Eileen E. Kirchhoff Luitjohan, Highland, IL

Sister In-law - Myrna B. Ambuehl, Highland, IL

Many Nieces, Nephews, and Cousins

She was preceded in death by:

Father - Charles Casper

Mother - Milda A. Casper nee Steiner

Husband - Leland E. Steiner (Died 2/26/1988)

Sister - Esther H. Baumann (Died 8/31/2011)

Sister - Leona M. Iberg (Died 12/30/1979)

Brother In-law - Harold Baumann

Brother In-law - Robert Iberg

Brother In-law - Rev. John Riggs

Brother In-law - Roland Tschannen

Father In-law & Mother In-law - Fremont And Elda (nee Hug) Steiner

Brother In-law & Sister In-law - Eldon and Bea Steiner

Brother In-law - Sam Kirchhoff

Brother In-law - Joseph Luitjohan

Brother In-law - Roland Ambuehl

Nephew - Gary Steiner

Arrangements are being handled by Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Friday, January 29, 2016, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL and from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM on Saturday, January 30, 2016, at Evangelical United Church of Christ in Highland, IL.

Funeral service will be at 10:00 AM on Saturday, January 30, 2016, at

Evangelical United Church of Christ in Highland, IL., with Rev. Christopher W. Hill, Senior Pastor, Highland, IL, officiating.

Interment will be at Highland City Cemetery in Highland, IL.

Memorial contributions may be made to Ruth & Leland Memorial Fund for Latzer Library; Highland Area Christian Service Ministry (Food Pantry).

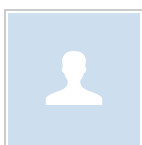
Tribute Wall



“ Karen (Hug) Potthast lit a candle in memory of Ruth M. Steiner



Karen (Hug) Potthast - January 30, 2016 at 03:35 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Ruth M. Steiner.



January 28, 2016 at 09:41 PM



“ Sincere sympathy is sent to all of Ruth's daughters & families. Your mom was a very wonderful and kind lady. I hope your vast memories can ease your pain at this difficult time. God Bless

Bob & Beckie Schrupf - January 28, 2016 at 11:34 AM



“ Laughter and kind words, always. Aunt Ruth always made others her first concern.
Mark Iberg

Mark Iberg - January 28, 2016 at 09:21 AM

JB

“ *Those who live in the Lord never see each other for the last time.*

What a privilege to know Ruth. She was a gracious and genuinely caring Godly woman. She always spoke with such love of her Girls, with quiet pride of her Grandchildren, and with such delight of her Great-Grandchildren. She is how one defines 'beloved'.

*May God hold you close and tend your aching hearts.
With love and deep sympathy,
Dale and Janel*

Janel Busacker - January 27, 2016 at 09:29 PM

PL

“ *To the Family - Our thoughts and prayers for you all on this loss of a great, sweet person. She was a dynamic person - always smiling and always speaking every time we'd meet somewhere.*

Remembering the days spent at your house through going to school with Janet, being neighbors, 4-H meetings, and church. You all have inherited her great smile and personality and have many great memories to share and recall. God Bless each of you on this loss. She will certainly be missed by many.

Pam Ulrich Lecerf

Pam Ulrich Lecerf - January 27, 2016 at 06:45 PM

BA

“ *Jo, you and your family are in my prayers.
Barb Stannard Althoff. Effingham, IL*



Barb Stannard Althoff - January 27, 2016 at 12:21 AM

LM

“ *Very sweet lady. Ruth always had a big smile.*

Linda Montayne - January 26, 2016 at 10:16 PM

MT

“ *Your Mom was truly a special lady. I have fond garage sale memories of hanging out with her inside the house since I never sold anything! She was such a genuinely sweet person. You all have so many memories to cherish, and her love will help you through the sadness. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Michele Thomas - January 26, 2016 at 09:04 PM

BH

“ *My memories of Ruth go back to when I would stay overnight with Jo back in grade school, and Ruth would cook great meals and let me collect chicken eggs. Later, when my mom had Alzheimer's, Ruth would spend the day with Mom when my folks would come back to Highland to visit friends and relatives. She was so sweet and understanding, which was much appreciated by my family. Such a good person! My condolences to Janet, Jo, Cherie and their families.*

Barb Hoffman

Barb Hoffman - January 26, 2016 at 09:01 PM

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“ *Chris Loyet*



Chris Loyet - January 26, 2016 at 08:33 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Ruth M. Steiner.*



January 26, 2016 at 08:06 PM