



Ruth Beck

May 29, 1934 - December 27, 2013

Ruth Beck, 79, passed away on Friday, December 27th at Dougherty Hospice House surrounded by her loving family. Ruth Elva Siepkes was born on May 29, 1934 to Theodore (Ted) and Theada (Naatjes) Siepkes. She graduated from Lennox High School in 1952. After graduation, she attended Nettleton Business College and worked for several years at Valley Exchange Bank in Lennox. On February 25, 1956 she was united in marriage with Arnold Beck at LaValley Presbyterian Church east of Lennox. Following their marriage, they lived and worked on their farm south of Worthing and raised five children. Ruth was an active and faithful member of Delaware Reformed Church where she served as church organist for over fifty years and on various church committees. Her hobbies included gardening, crocheting, reading, playing piano and spending time with her children and grandchildren. Music was a constant presence in Ruth's life as she provided musical accompaniment for countless funerals, weddings, church programs and community events throughout the Lennox area and beyond. Of all her musical accomplishments, two stand above all others. One was passing her love of music on to her children, the Beck Family Singers, and their many performances in the community over the years. The other was the twenty years she spent as accompanist for the Grieg Male Chorus of Canton. Ruth brought joy to all who were blessed to hear her "tickle the ivory keys." Grateful for having shared her life are her children: Deb (Dan) Herold, Brenda (Curt) Brynjulson, Duane (Cindy) Beck, Barb Beck, and Darin (Danelle) Beck, all of Sioux Falls. Blessed

for having called her Grandma are Alex and Brianna Herold, Andrew and Austin Brynjulson, Jennie Skancke and Ben and Paige Beck. They look forward to sharing stories about Grandma Ruth with baby girl Beck, due in February 2014. Others who shared her life were her sister Marge Siepkes of Sioux Falls, brother-in-law Bill (Donna) Beck of Worthing, sister-in-law Lavonne Seipkes of Staples, MN, many nieces and nephews, and a host of friends. She was preceded in death by her husband, Arnie, her parents and her brother, Vern. Services will begin at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31 at Delaware Reformed Church, rural Lennox with burial in the Delaware Church Cemetery. Visitation also at Delaware Reformed Church will begin Monday at 6 p.m. with the family present from 6 to 8 p.m.

Tribute Wall

BL

“ We extend deepest sympathy to the Beck Family. Our son Brian & Duane played many ball games together. Deepest thoughts are with you in the healing days ahead.

Bob & Deloris Lind - December 31, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ Prayers for the Beck family.

Karen Masee - December 31, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ From both of us with heartfelt sympathy. It is hard for us to find the words that might bring you comfort at this time of loss...but perhaps just knowing that we are thinking of you with sympathy and understanding will somehow help to give you strength at this difficult time. The Lord has granted your mother her wings so that she may enter the kingdom forever after. God Bless your family.

Jean and Kim Johnke - December 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Darin & Danelle,
Mothers always hold a special place in our hearts. My thoughts will be with you during these difficult days.

Bev Forsaith - December 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ We have known Ruth almost all our lives. She was in my 1952 Lennox High School graduating class and Jean's family and hers were friends. We have kept in touch throughout the years. We will keep the entire family in our prayers in this time of loss.

Gene/Jean Straatmeyer - December 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AL

“ Our deepest sympathy to everyone, she was a very talented lady and cousin. Arlo and Vonnie Larson

Arlo and Vonnie Larson - December 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ My greatest sympathy to you all. I hope you recieved my private sympathy and am so sorry I cannot attend the funeral. She is resting in peace. God Bless you all.
Kindest regards,
Brian Lind

Brian Lind - December 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM