



## Ruby Beich

May 19, 1929 - July 21, 2023

Ruby Virginia Adele (Swenson) Beich passed away peacefully at age 94 on July 21, 2023 from natural causes. She spent most of her adult life in Crookston, MN. She was born on May 19, 1929, just months before the start of the Great Depression, to August and Cora (Shurson) Swenson in a farmhouse 12 miles northwest of Karlstad, MN in Jupiter Township of Kittson County in northwest Minnesota.

Ruby grew up on a small farm, with a two-room house consisting of a kitchen and living room, plus one long room in the attic. There was no indoor plumbing or electricity. They cut down trees on their farm for the firewood used for heat and cooking. She attended a one-room school house called Grant School through the 8th grade. So in several ways, her lifestyle growing up was closer to that of Abraham Lincoln than it was to her own children. She graduated from Karlstad High School in 1947 and then enrolled at Aakers Business College in Grand Forks, North Dakota. Seven months into the one-year program, the college found her a job in the Stenographic Bureau at the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks, where she worked for four years. While attending the First Church of God in Grand Forks she met UND student Adolph Beich from Sykeston, ND. On August 19, 1951 they united in marriage at this same church. In 1952 they moved to Hallock, MN where Adolph started his career teaching Business Education at the high school. In 1955 they moved to Hibbing, MN for two school years. And in 1957 they finally settled in Crookston, MN, to live closer to relatives, and raised their family there. They

also returned to worship in the Grand Forks church in which they met, were married, and had some established friendships. They raised three sons (Wayne, Ken, Brian) who were all active in wrestling and other activities. Adolph passed away in 2005 at age 75. Ten years later in 2015, Ruby moved to Shoreview, MN to be closer to her children and their families. She resided at the Scandia Shores Senior Living Community for her last 8 years. It had a beautiful Scandinavian-theme which fit just right with her being 100% Scandinavian.

Ruby had a gentle spirit, anchored by a strong Christian faith. She was a loving, supportive wife and devoted mother. She was a homemaker, excellent cook, gracious hostess, and able seamstress. She enjoyed caring for her family and visiting with friends and relatives. She was kind-hearted, optimistic, content, encouraging, and always could find something positive to say about everyone. Given her humble beginning, she was a steady advocate to her children for financial prudence and saving for the future. As a member of the Riverview Auxiliary in Crookston, she volunteered at the local hospital for many years, and she donated blood into her 90s.

Ruby enjoyed being involved in church activities, making afghan blankets, camping and fishing with her family, gardening, following the Minnesota Vikings (and making her own hot fudge syrup for ice cream "sundaes on Sundays"), following the boys' many wrestling matches, trips to relatives on farms up north and in central North Dakota, as well as summer trips to visit more relatives in California. She was blessed with many good friends as well. She will be greatly missed and lovingly remembered. We are encouraged that she is now in a better place with her Lord and Savior (John 14:1-6).

Family members: Three sons and daughters-in-law, Wayne and Janet Beich of Andover, MN; Ken and Marcy Beich of Rochester, MN; and Brian and Nancy Beich of Dellwood, MN.

Grandchildren: Anna (Dave) Paddock of Andover, MN; David (Lindsey) Beich of Fridley, MN; Tara (Chris) Anderson of Roseville, MN; Nathan (Alyssa) Beich of Cambridge, MN; Katherine (Travis) Forkner of Rochester, MN; Matthew

(Isabel) Beich of White Bear Lake, MN; Danny Beich of Vadnais Heights, MN; and Emily (Aiden) Bahr of Keizer, OR.

Great-grandchildren: Rachel, Luke, Josie, Bri, Carissa, Ellie, Landon, Beau, and Evelyn.

Preceded in death: Parents August and Cora Swenson, husband Adolph Beich, brother and sister-in-law Russell and Ruth Swenson, sister JoAnn Swenson, and brother-in-law Jim Rickenberg.

Surviving sisters: Helen Rickenberg of Kennedy, MN and Jean Swenson of Richfield, MN. Surviving sisters-in-law: Elaine (Willis) Beich of Owatonna, MN and Vangie (Jack) Wilcox of Nevada City, CA.

Funeral service will be Wednesday, August 2nd at 11:00 AM (with visitation 10-11 AM) at Holcomb-Henry-Boom-Purcell Funeral Home, 515 Hwy 96 West, Shoreview, MN. A luncheon will follow immediately afterwards at the same location. ([www.holcombhenryboom.com](http://www.holcombhenryboom.com))

Interment at Oakdale Cemetery in Crookston, MN on Friday, August 11th at 11:00 AM. A luncheon and informal gathering to celebrate her life will follow at noon at the Crookston Inn and Convention Center.

# Tribute Wall



“ Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of Ruby Beich



December 14, 2023 at 06:24 PM



“ She was a great friend we enjoyed seeing at Grand Forks Church of God and at Camp Mandak. A really special lady.

Georgie Mechtel - August 15, 2023 at 12:00 AM



“ We love you Grandma Ruby!



Dave & Anna Paddock - August 02, 2023 at 12:00 AM



“ A very sweet gracious lady that I was blessed to meet a few times over the years. It's peaceful knowing she is home with Jesus.



Judyann Robinson - July 24, 2023 at 12:00 AM