



## Ruby Frances Brand

September 8, 1924 - March 2, 2026

Ruby Frances Brand, 101, of Richfield, MN, passed away peacefully on Monday, March 2, 2026.

A Funeral Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. on April 28, 2026, at the Church of the Assumption, 305 East 77th Street, Richfield, MN. Visitation will be held one hour before the Mass.

Ruby was born on September 8, 1924, to Thomas and Lucille Small and was raised on a farm near St. Charles, MN.

After graduating from high school, she attended a teacher training course for one year and taught for five years in three one-room schools near Chatfield and St. Charles, MN.

Ruby married Christian K. Brand on February 7, 1948. They lived in Minneapolis, St. Louis Park, and Richfield, raising their four children.

Ruby worked in the cafeteria and library at Richfield High School and retired as a library clerk in 1985.

Upon retirement, Ruby was active in her church. She attended daily Mass where she met lifelong friends, distributed communion to the homebound, was

a member of the funeral honor guard, assisted with church events, and delivered Meals on Wheels. Her passion was baking, most notably cookies, sweet rolls, and fudge. She enjoyed gardening and taking care of her lawn well into her nineties, playing cards, line dancing, and socializing with family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Christian; her sister, Ethelmaye Dresler; her brother, Cletus Small; and her daughter-in-law, Linda Brand.

She is survived by her children, Gary (Renata), Christian (Angela), Beverly (Daniel), and Betty; her grandchildren, Matthew (Lisa), James (Nicole), Stuart (Amanda), and Kimberly (Seth); and her great-grandchildren, Naomi (Jordon), Eleanor, Joel, Edward, Emma, Soren, Esker, and Ivan.

Special thanks to the caregivers and staff at The Plan by Design and St. Croix Hospice.

Memorials are preferred to the Franciscan Retreats and Spirituality Center, 16385 St. Francis Lane, Prior Lake, MN 55372. (<https://franciscanretreats.net/make-a-gift>)

# Tribute Wall

CC

“ *Connie Cutler lit a candle in memory of Ruby Frances Brand*



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**Connie Cutler** - May 13 at 06:49 AM

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*Ruby was a sweet lady who lived a full life and will be remembered by many.*

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**Connie Cutler** - May 13 at 06:50 AM

WF

“ *With Love, Nancy and Jim Feroe purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Ruby Frances Brand.*



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**With Love, Nancy and Jim Feroe** - April 27 at 03:11 PM

WF

“ *With Love, Nancy and Jim Feroe planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ruby Frances Brand.*

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**With Love, Nancy and Jim Feroe** - April 27 at 03:11 PM

LB

“ Love Russ, Karen, Aaron, and Brandon planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ruby Frances Brand.

Love Russ, Karen, Aaron, and Brandon - April 25 at 01:26 PM

LB

“ Love Russ, Karen, Aaron, and Brandon purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Ruby Frances Brand.



Love Russ, Karen, Aaron, and Brandon - April 25 at 01:26 PM

SB

“ Scott Burns purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Ruby Frances Brand.



Scott Burns - April 24 at 09:34 AM

MS

“ Mary Dawson, Jim Small & Tom Small purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Ruby Frances Brand.



Mary Dawson, Jim Small & Tom Small - April 22 at 04:24 PM

RC

“ We are sorry we will not be able to attend the funeral, as we are out of the country. Aunt Ruby was a very special lady! She was always a very gracious hostess, considerate and kind. She will be missed! Sending our love, hugs, thoughts and prayers to you all on the 28th.  
Love,  
Dick Craven and family

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Richard Craven - April 16 at 07:52 PM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Ruby Frances Brand.



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April 16 at 07:44 PM