



## Ruth E. Orstad

October 13, 2013

Orstad, Ruth E. passed on Oct. 13, 2013 at age 97. Born in Regan, ND on Sept. 5, 1916 to Osenus and Bertha Johnson. Raised in Blooming Prairie, MN with brothers Bernard and Delbert, both deceased. Ruth became an RN and later married T. Richard Orstad, also deceased. After 25 years of nursing in MN and FL, she retired to enjoy an active life in Mpls with her family and friends. Preceded in death were her two daughters, Madelyn and Joanne; and survived by her son, Roger, his family and her grand, great, and great-great grandchildren. Ruth's life celebration is at 12 Noon, Nov. 9 at Crystal Lake Cemetery Chapel. [www.Washburn-McReavy.com](http://www.Washburn-McReavy.com) Crystal Lake Chapel 612-521-3677 Penn & Dowling Aves N.

# Tribute Wall

JR

“ Roger and all Ruth & Dick's grandchildren, greats, too.  
After her 96th birthday and trip to see my mom and dad in Elk River, I found pictures of her from years ago...probably before she married T.Richard! I remember several homes, like Ginger described, and the house on Bassett Creek. Mom and Dad were very thankful for a cousin introducing them, as they shared 68+ years together. Her generous gift to my folks when Mary Jo died, to be buried next to her godfather. A special lady who had lots of stories to share and bragging rights about her grandchildren. She and Mom talked a lot about times when they were all young and visiting the "farm" folk in Blooming Prairie. It is hard to let go, but she was very ready and had no worries. For you Roger, and Michelle & Nick, too - my deepest sympathies-Now "we" are the elders and that is sometimes hard to realize. May God continue to give you the strength and endurance during this time and in time to come. Roger, you can still make the trip back to Minnesota in September and we can celebrate life! Love and God's peace to all of you.  
Janet Rae

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Jan Cameron, niece&cousin, once removemo - November 06, 2013 at 09:43 PM

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“ Dear Roger and family,  
I would visit Aunt Ruth when I was in Mpls. every 5 years for North High reunions and visits with the Orstad and Bernhardt family. The visits started many years ago and I remember when the kids were little at their lovely home with all the extras built into it. I did write to Roger and told him I remember the dog house had an intercom...I had never heard of that before. Also the closet you could open and push a button and fresh air circulated through out he house in minutes.

When I was in 6th grade my dad, Ralph and Dorothy, bought Ten Pin at Lake Julia. Then Uncle Ray and Lorraine bought a share in the lake place; so that started the family reunions on week ends for years. Aunt Ruth did come to enjoy the family gatherings. My Aunt Jane or cousin Pat would drive me down and visit with Ruth at her apartment when she returned from Florida. It was fun reconnecting with Aunt Ruth. She had a lot of family photos and it was fun looking at them. We would have a good visit. I would call occasionally but the last couple years she was not sure who I was at first then she could not hear me so I stopped calling and checked on her through Pat.

She give us all the knowledge to not give up and keep busy. My high school friend Gary worked with her at the Ebenezer home on projects. He said she was very alert and a good worker. One visit we all went out to lunch together, and Gary brought his wife. She liked visiting and I was glad to have the chance to do so. She is at peace and I am sure there is a big family reunion going on in heaven right now.

My thought and prayer's are with you Roger and Micelle and your son. Also all her wonderful grandchildren. It was fun to see some of you at the family reunion this past summer. I will keep good memories of Aunt Ruth and Uncle Dick and your family in my heart.

Love,  
Ginger Orstad

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Virginia Kennedy, niece - November 06, 2013 at 08:31 PM

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“ Many good times, lunches, chats, and looking at photo albums were spent with Ruth in the past years. Gatherings with me, my daughter Linda, Anne Orstad and Ruth were lunches at the Green Mill and Perkins. And, she loved ribs at Famous Dave's. Often she didn't want to go out, and I brought lunch (Wendy's) and we ate in her apartment. Sometimes we just sat and talked about family and grandchildren. She especially liked the visits with her own family and grandchildren. She liked going to the lake and family gatherings of years gone by. She loved to help with the gardens at her apartment building while she was able. While living in her apartment, a couple from her church came by once a month, usually bringing her a small gift, and shared the bible with her. In the care center in Burnsville, she loved to get outside and feel the sun on her skin. I will miss my visits with her and sharing thoughts of family. She missed her "girls" so much, and loved the times that Roger and Michelle were able to spend time with her. She is gone from our presence, but not from our memories, and is resting with the Lord in her final home.

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Pat Thompson (niece) - November 06, 2013 at 02:42 PM



Well said Pat, Thank you! :)

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Kris Pladsen - November 06, 2013 at 04:38 PM

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kris pladsen - October 17, 2013 at 08:57 AM

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“ Grandma Ruth~ I will miss you soooo much and the Holiday's spent with you at our house. The stories you told over and over the laugh's and I could go on and on!

To many to mention. We will celebrate your life Always.... I will miss our drives and our conversations and reading your devotions and cards!

Love alway's, Kris

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**kris pladsen** - October 17, 2013 at 07:39 AM

RO

“ Mom will always be remembered by many friends and family as a very spiritual person who loved to read especially her magazine from Billy Graham. She admired both Billy and his wife and all they did to spread the word of God. Ruth's life was not an easy one having lost her beloved husband in her early 40's, She had to restart her career as a Registered Nurse in order to make ends meet and raise the last of her three children until he set his course. She demonstrated her independence when she moved to Florida and to continue her career until retirement. Once again realizing that the future should be well-planned for her senior years, she left her beloved Florida home and moved back to Minneapolis to be closer to her family and friends. She left our presence this week, but not without a fight. Her spirit lives on with God, her friends and especially her family.

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**Roger Orstad** - October 14, 2013 at 04:24 PM