



Ruth Anna Marie Franzen

May 22, 1923 - May 5, 2014

Ruth Franzen, 90, of Kearney died Monday, May 5, 2014 at the Regency Retirement Residence in Kearney.

Funeral services will be Thursday, May 8, 2014 at 1:30 p.m. at the Hope Lutheran Church near Smithfield, NE. Pastor Tim Glendening will officiate and burial will follow at the Hope Lutheran Cemetery. Visitation will be Wednesday, May 7, 2014 from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services in Kearney and 1 hour prior to services on Thursday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the Hope Lutheran Church in Smithfield, the First Lutheran Church in Kearney or the American Cancer Society. A message of condolence, tribute or memory can be left at www.hlmkfuneral.com. Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services in Kearney are in charge of arrangements.

Ruth was born on May 22, 1923 in Smithfield, NE to Herman and Dorthea (Hock) Fastenau. She attended Smithfield High School and graduated with the class of 1940. She then attended Kearney State Teachers College for two years and later took a job teaching at Loomis. She married Paul H. Franzen

on March 31, 1946 in Smithfield, NE. Ruth and Paul farmed in the Smithfield area for several years. She moved to Kearney in 1992 after Paul passed away. She was a member of the Hope Lutheran Church near Smithfield and also the First Lutheran Church in Kearney. She was also a member of the Golden K Kiwanis in Kearney and the MNO Extension club in Bertrand. Ruth enjoyed dancing, playing cards, china painting and art work. She especially enjoyed gardening and took pride in the gardens that she created and faithfully cared for at Regency.

Surviving relatives include her children, Dennis Franzen and wife Carol of Grand Island, NE, Barry Franzen of Lincoln, NE, Lori Kuck of Smithfield, NE, Ricky Franzen of Panama City Beach, FL and Randall Franzen and his wife Kimberly of Omaha, NE; 9 Grandchildren, 6 Great Grandchildren.

Ruth was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Paul in 1987.

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Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 7. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl
2421 Avenue A
Kearney, NE 68847
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<https://www.hlmkfuneral.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *Ruth Anna Marie Franzen*

January 29, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ *Lori, so sorry to hear about your mom. It's not easy losing a parent, and especially the last one. My thoughts and prayers are with you for the days to come.*

Loretta - May 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Lori - I'm so sorry to hear of the passing of your mother - Much love to you
Kim*

Kim Tielke - May 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM