



## Ruby Lynk

November 25, 1924 - September 7, 2025

The celebration of life funeral service for lifetime Wadena resident Ruby Lynk, will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, September 19, 2025, at the, former First Congregational UCC in Wadena. Visitation will be held on Thursday from 5:00 until 8:00 p.m. at Schuller Family Funeral Homes' Johnson-Schuller Chapel in Wadena and will continue on Friday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of service at the church. Interment will be in the Wadena Cemetery.

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You are invited to view the live-streaming of the service by using the following link:

<https://youtube.com/@1stcongregationaluccofwade829?si=WvhnSgtsEIFOUUVz>

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Surrounded by the love of her family, Ruby passed away September 7, 2025, at The Meadows of Wadena with compassionate care by the staff and Vivie Hospice in Wadena, MN. She had 100+ years of life experience.

Ruby was born to Fred and Rosa (Ladwig) Breid on November 25, 1924, at home in Wadena Township, MN. She attended country school through the eighth grade and graduated in 1942 from Wadena High School. She did bookkeeping for the Maurice Ebner Insurance Agency and worked at a local grocery store gathering the various purchases when handed the list by homemakers and children (before shopping carts existed in Wadena).

On April 2, 1943, Ruby married her high school classmate, Dale E. Lynk, at the Evangelical and Reformed Church in Wadena. After living in the Twin Cities for a short time they returned to their hometown where they eventually bought into the hardware store on main street with Dick Fossen, becoming Dick 'n' Dale's Coast-to-Coast. When Dick retired, their son Terry, and wife Mary, partnered in the business and it eventually became Lynk's True Value. Over time, Dale, Ruby, and each of their children worked at "the store" where she attentively handled the books when Lil was gone and always looked forward to waiting on customers.

Quietly, Ruby focused on being a mother and community volunteer. If her children couldn't find her at her sewing machine, in the kitchen, laundry room or vegetable garden they knew she was helping at church. She avidly journaled daily life through the years, shared newspaper clippings with community members, crocheted afghans for family members, and at the age of 96 crocheted 48 hats and scarves for local school children. Memories include her remaking adult clothes to fit her children, reading to them at bedtime, bowling, watercolor and oil painting, crafting, making chokecherry wine, taking photos, along with organizing family and class reunions. For Wadena County she observed parent and child visitations. At church she served in numerous roles, was a familiar face at the rummage sales and bazaar checkout lines, and was usually the last one turning off lights and locking doors. She volunteered with hospice for 20+ years, the Wadena Historical Society, Bloodmobile, was a Cub Scout den mother and Girl Scout leader, among other service projects. Life was best when spending time with Dale and their family. Being named 1992 MN Mother of the Year made her family exceedingly proud.

Preceding Ruby in death were her husband, Dale (1992); parents, Fred and Rosa; grandson, Jon Lynk; great-granddaughter, Dreamer Saltzman; infant

great-grandson, Ty Kristopher Lynk; siblings, Tillie (Cliff) Kyar, Arnie (Margorie and Donnis) Breid, Art (Beulah) Breid and Carl (Audrey) Breid; parents-in-law, Irvan and Hazel Lynk; sister-in-law, Ila Nell "Sis" (Murt) Ketchum; and brothers-in-law, Ken Fiesler, Bill Davis and Joe Murray.

Deeply loved, Ruby will be remembered by her children: Russ (Mary) Lynk of Detroit Lakes, Terry (Mary) Lynk, Allan (Karen Johnson) Lynk, Steve (Joanne) Lynk all of Wadena, Jan (Tom) Goeden of Arvada, CO, Kelly (Melissa) Lynk of Buffalo, Bev Lynk of Wadena, and Kevin (Kerry) Lynk of Arvada, CO; 26 grandchildren, 38 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren; sisters-in-law, Marian Davis of Staples and Dixie (friend, Bill Kern) Murray of Wadena; along with numerous caring nieces and nephews.

Honorary casket bearers will be all of her family.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in Ruby's name may be directed to Wadena Cemetery, Wadena Historical Society, Vivie Hospice, Meals on Wheels, or a charity of your choice.

(Photo taken in 2024, six weeks before her 100th birthday.)

# Cemetery Details

## Wadena Cemetery

Franklin Drive & 5th St. SW  
Wadena, MN 56482

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **18**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Johnson-Schuller Chapel  
205 4th Street Southwest  
Wadena, MN 56482  
(218) 631-3632

## Visitation

SEP **19**. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First Congregational United Church of Christ  
Colfax Ave. & 1st St. SW  
Wadena, MN 56482

## Service

SEP **19**. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Congregational United Church of Christ  
Colfax Ave. & 1st St. SW  
Wadena, MN 56482

## Burial

SEP **19**. 12:00 PM (CT)

Wadena Cemetery  
Franklin Drive & 5th St. SW  
Wadena, MN 56482

# Tribute Wall



“ Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Ruby Lynk



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - September 17, 2025 at 12:08 PM

AN

“ Your beautiful mother Ruby, will be truly missed. Sending prayers during this sad time.  
❤️🙏 Alice Davison-Nelson (Helen's daughter)



Alice Nelson - October 13, 2025 at 04:46 PM

SJ

“ Sharon Johnson lit a candle in memory of Ruby Lynk



Sharon Johnson - September 24, 2025 at 08:50 PM

RA

“ *Rita Askew lit a candle in memory of Ruby Lynk*



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**Rita Askew** - September 19, 2025 at 10:35 AM

TA

“ *Bev,  
My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.  
Love Teresa Askew*

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**Teresa Askew** - September 18, 2025 at 09:49 PM

DS

“ *Prayers for your family.*

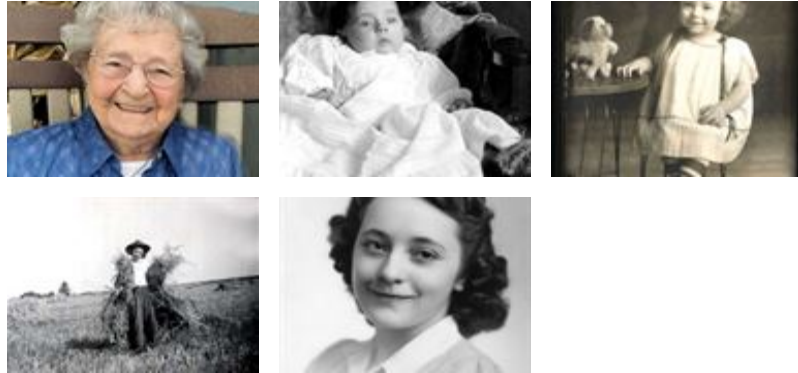


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**Dan and Maggie Savaloja** - September 17, 2025 at 09:49 PM



“ 50 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Schuller Family Funeral Homes** - September 17, 2025 at 12:05 PM

JC

“ June Cartino lit a candle in memory of Ruby Lynk



**June Cartino** - September 16, 2025 at 07:46 PM

WL

“ Wadena Library lit a candle in memory of Ruby Lynk



**Wadena Library** - September 16, 2025 at 03:19 PM

KT

“ Karen Treangen lit a candle in memory of Ruby Lynk



Karen Treangen - September 16, 2025 at 01:19 PM

NY

“ With our deepest condolences Butch and Sue Nyhus

nyhus - September 15, 2025 at 06:35 PM

DA

“ It was always a joy to visit with Ruby. God bless our memories of this generous, gracious woman 🙏💕



Di Schiller Anderson - September 14, 2025 at 11:31 AM

LR

“ Love, John and Margo Robideaux purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Ruby Lynk.



Love, John and Margo Robideaux - September 13, 2025 at 02:12 PM

DG

“ *Donna Grendahl lit a candle in memory of Ruby Lynk*



Donna Grendahl - September 13, 2025 at 11:09 AM

SH

“ *Sue Roes and Mark Hermison lit a candle in memory of Ruby Lynk*



Sue Roes and Mark Hermison - September 12, 2025 at 01:22 PM

BT

“ *Barbara Thoennes lit a candle in memory of Ruby Lynk*



Barbara Thoennes - September 11, 2025 at 10:55 PM

CO

“ *Connie lit a candle in memory of Ruby Lynk*



Connie - September 11, 2025 at 10:52 AM

LT

“ Truly an amazing woman! RIP Ruby...you deserve it. Cherish the memories.

Les Thorstenson - September 11, 2025 at 09:30 AM

MB

“ Mike Bondzin lit a candle in memory of Ruby Lynk



Mike Bondzin - September 10, 2025 at 10:05 PM

SM

“ Shirley Malone lit a candle in memory of Ruby Lynk



Shirley Malone - September 10, 2025 at 09:30 PM

AD

“ Audrey Davis sent a virtual gift in memory of Ruby Lynk



Audrey Davis - September 10, 2025 at 08:12 PM

SR

“ Steve and Kathy Richter lit a candle in memory of Ruby Lynk



Steve and Kathy Richter - September 10, 2025 at 07:18 PM

JE

“ Jane Erckenbrack lit a candle in memory of Ruby Lynk



Jane Erckenbrack - September 10, 2025 at 10:26 AM

DK

“ Dan Kern lit a candle in memory of Ruby Lynk



Dan Kern - September 10, 2025 at 06:21 AM

AA

“ Always loved visiting with Ruby. She was such a beautiful kind person! My sympathy to the family.



Arllys Andrews - September 09, 2025 at 09:47 PM

SB

“ *Conrad and Shirley Van Batavia*



Shirley Van Batavia - September 09, 2025 at 06:16 PM

CO

“ *Carol Osborn lit a candle in memory of Ruby Lynk*



Carol Osborn - September 09, 2025 at 05:30 PM

KP

“ *Karen R Priebe lit a candle in memory of Ruby Lynk*



Karen R Priebe - September 09, 2025 at 10:45 AM

LY

“ *Linda Youngbauer lit a candle in memory of Ruby Lynk*



Linda Youngbauer - September 09, 2025 at 09:54 AM

GC

“ Gladys Chase lit a candle in memory of Ruby Lynk



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**Gladys Chase** - September 09, 2025 at 08:51 AM

SM

“ Sue Halliwill McDonald lit a candle in memory of Ruby Lynk



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**Sue Halliwill Mcdonald** - September 09, 2025 at 08:23 AM

JS

“ You have our prayers. Ruby was a great lady who had her hands full raising a great family. Until we all meet again, Prayers.

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**Jim & Tracey Stoneman** - September 09, 2025 at 08:17 AM

JJ

“ What a wonderful woman ! So kind to everyone. A life full of love. A life well lived. I miss her hugs.



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**Jon and Patty Johnson** - September 09, 2025 at 08:12 AM

LM

“ *Lois Miller lit a candle in memory of Ruby Lynk*



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**Lois Miller** - September 09, 2025 at 08:04 AM

MH

“ *Marladene Heinen lit a candle in memory of Ruby Lynk*



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**Marladene Heinen** - September 09, 2025 at 07:49 AM

GW

“ *Glen Donna Wood lit a candle in memory of Ruby Lynk*



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**Glen Donna Wood** - September 08, 2025 at 11:26 PM

RA

“ *Rita Anderson lit a candle in memory of Ruby Lynk*



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**Rita Anderson** - September 08, 2025 at 09:43 PM

DS

“ *Dan and Deb Sweere lit a candle in memory of Ruby Lynk*



**Dan and Deb Sweere** - September 08, 2025 at 09:23 PM



“ *Rocky Reese lit a candle in memory of Ruby Lynk*



**Rocky Reese** - September 08, 2025 at 06:27 PM

ST

“ *Sincere sympathy to all the family.*



**Sue Theisen** - September 08, 2025 at 03:38 PM

SB

“ *Ruby was a kind and wonderful lady. May she rest in peace.*



**Sharon Boline** - September 08, 2025 at 03:35 PM

KM

“ I've known Ruby for many years, and she was such a lovely lady, leaving such a wonderful legacy of her life. My sincere ,heartfelt sympathy to the whole family. She will be missed my many.



Karen Munson - September 08, 2025 at 12:51 PM

BB

“ Lifting the family in prayer!!



Barb Brown - September 08, 2025 at 11:56 AM

LM

“ Liz Miller lit a candle in memory of Ruby Lynk



Liz Miller - September 08, 2025 at 10:04 AM