



Ruth Baker Christiansen

November 25, 1931 - July 9, 2024

The memorial service celebrating the life of Ruth (Erickson) Baker Christiansen, formerly of Wadena, will be held at 11:00a.m. on Saturday, August 3, at St. John Lutheran Church in Wadena with Pastor Stephen Meltzer presiding. Visitation will be held at the church on Saturday from 9:30a.m. until the time of the service. Burial will be next to her first husband John Baker in Wadena Cemetery, Wadena, MN.

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The service can be viewed on: Schuller Family Funeral Home's Facebook page at  
<https://www.facebook.com/p/Schuller-Family-Funeral-Homes-Cremation-Services>  
or YouTube

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Ruth, age 92, passed away with family at her side on July 9, 2024, in Wildomar, CA.

Ruth Constance Erickson was born to Albert and Laura (Thorsen) Erickson on November 25, 1931, in Wadena, MN. She was united in marriage with John Baker on July 26, 1948, in Wadena. He passed away on April 17, 1975. Ruth raised her children while caring for her aunt and mother until they passed. She then decided to work out of the home. She worked at the Red Owl Bakery in Wadena and Nasch Finch in Corcoran, and then as a home health aide for

several years. Ruth enjoyed reading her Bible along with cooking for her family and friends. At St. John Lutheran Church in Wadena she belonged to LWML and the Guild. She loved traveling, water aerobics, sewing, walking, riding her bike and dancing, not to mention watching westerns and listening to country music.

Approximately 18 years after John passed away, Ruth met Leonard Christiansen. He and his wife hadn't had children and all of a sudden he had ten, and many many grandchildren! Ruth and Leonard spent 11 years traveling and spending wonderful times with family and friends.

Preceding Ruth in death were her husbands John Baker (1975) and Leonard Christiansen (2004); parents, Albert and Laura; daughter, Sheila Uselman; grandson, Scott Krause; siblings: Eugene (and Belle) Erickson, Ray (and Iris) Erickson, and Eunice (and Royston) Dague.

Forever loved, Ruth leaves behind her children: Sharon (Roger) Krause of Ottertail, Barbara Butler of Coon Rapids, John (Ruhyyich) Baker of Anchor Point, AK, Lona Baker of Fountain Valley CA, Patty (Joe) Sather, Jim (Erin) Baker both of Temacula, CA, David (Darcy) Baker of Bemidji, Carol (Lee) Henke of Wildomar, CA and Lori (Billy) Yerbich of Paposky; son-in-law, Phil Uselman, along with numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Serving as urn bearers will be Chad Krause, Quinn Butler, Connor Butler, Christopher Greenwaldt, Andrew Greenwaldt, and Travis Greenwaldt.

Honorary urn bearers will be Gavin Sather, Taylor Sather, Joshua Baker, Jacob Baker, Jim Jr. Baker, Luke Henke and the sum of her 92 grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Memorials in Ruth's name may be directed to St. Jude Children's Research Center (www.stjude.org/give/memorials-and-dedications/donation-in-honor-of-someone.html)

Cemetery Details

Wadena Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Gathering of Family & Friends

AUG 3. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. John Lutheran Church
710 Franklin Ave. SW
Wadena, MN 56482

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Ruth Baker Christiansen



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - July 24, 2024 at 06:48 PM

BB

My momI'll see you soon.

Barbara Butler - July 28, 2024 at 10:16 AM

WS

To all of Ruthie's family...I send many prayers, love and hugs at this sad time. I have so many fond memories of going to Aunt Ruthie and Uncle John's house in Wadena when I was a kid. We had so much fun camping out in the living room since there were so many of us. My mom, dad and brother, Ed and Jan Wussow and Randy Wussow, also loved taking trips up to Wadena to hang out with the Baker side! She was a beautiful woman, inside and out. Love to all of you! Wendy (Wussow) Schoolmeester 🙏💕🤝

Wendy (Wussow) Schoolmeester - July 29, 2024 at 05:45 PM

AP

“ Arleen Paulson lit a candle in memory of Ruth Baker Christiansen



Arleen Paulson - August 03, 2024 at 10:14 AM

AP

“ May God be with your children in this sad time.....will miss you

Arleen Paulson - August 03, 2024 at 10:13 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Ruth Baker Christiansen.



August 01, 2024 at 03:09 PM

WB

“ With love, Mike & Colleen Butler planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ruth Baker Christiansen.

With love, Mike & Colleen Butler - August 01, 2024 at 03:09 PM

JG

“ Love and prayer to all of the family a wonderful lady has gone home to be with loved ones. love Ed and Judy Greenwaldt

judy greenwaldt - July 31, 2024 at 09:30 PM

DA

“ I enjoyed random visits over the years with this dear, friendly woman. God bless & comfort you with love filled memories 🙏❤️



Di Schiller Anderson - July 31, 2024 at 08:16 PM

WS

“ Wendy (Wussow) Schoolmeester lit a candle in memory of Ruth Christiansen



Wendy (Wussow) Schoolmeester - July 29, 2024 at 05:41 PM

RP

“ Great Auntie Ruthie will always be a treasure to me. I was privileged to have spent a little time here and there with her. I admired her sharp mind and quick wit. She always had new stories to tell me every time we were together. Some I heard many times (and was thankful for that, I will remember those!) She loved her family immensely and bragged about all of them. She loved well and was well loved. I will miss her and am so grateful for the time we had together.

Rachel Peterson - July 26, 2024 at 10:11 AM

WS

“ Wow..such an incredible lady and never missed a beat! So beautiful inside and out, glamorous smile and a heart full of love and compassion for all! She was my G & G Larsons Fri gal and she was the best caregiver and forever friend!! She became part of our family and we love her so dearly! Grateful and cherish all those special and fun times shared with Ruthie, so anxious to join her and hear that special laugh again:) She always radiated Christ's love and now so blessed to be right there with Jesus! My heart hurts for and with all her wonderful family, she adored and loves you each so dearly! Our sympathy, love and prayers to each of you❤️



Wayne and Sheila Stave - July 20, 2024 at 12:27 AM

LY

“ *Linda Youngbauer lit a candle in memory of Ruth Christiansen*



Linda Youngbauer - July 18, 2024 at 06:33 PM

BS

“ *Bonnie Schlecht lit a candle in memory of Ruth Christiansen*



Bonnie Schlecht - July 18, 2024 at 04:40 PM

DD

“ *Please know you are all in my thoughts and prayers. Jeff and I always enjoyed our visits with her.*



Deb Dague - July 18, 2024 at 01:13 PM

PH

“ *Prayers for all*



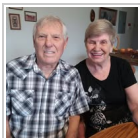
Peggy Haman - July 18, 2024 at 10:52 AM

KM

“ Karen Munson lit a candle in memory of Ruth Christiansen



Karen Munson - July 18, 2024 at 10:11 AM



“ Gladys Chase lit a candle in memory of Ruth Christiansen



Gladys Chase - July 17, 2024 at 10:03 PM

JJ

“ Jon Johnson lit a candle in memory of Ruth Christiansen



Jon Johnson - July 17, 2024 at 06:19 PM