



Ruth Gronlund

April 24, 1934 - July 17, 2021

The funeral service for Ruth Gronlund will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 22, at St. John Lutheran Church in Wadena, with Pastor Stephen Meltzer presiding.

Schuller Family Funeral Homes & Cremation Services is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom event.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, from 4:00 until 7:00 p.m., at the Johnson-Schuller Chapel in Wadena. Visitation will resume at the church on Thursday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of the service.

Ruth, age 87, passed away on July 17, 2021, at The Meadows of Wadena Senior Living, in Wadena, MN, under the compassionate care of Knute Nelson Hospice.

Ruth was born to Heinrich "Henry" and Helene (Panknin) Berg on April 24, 1934, in Schernow, Germany, near the Oder River. This area was given to Poland after WWII and they had to leave. A rural home was found west of Berlin with a relative; however, it was in the Soviet zone and no one was allowed to leave. A clever trade was made with a woman who wished to live in the country with her children, so Ruth's parents moved the family into Berlin until their immigration number came up; and at the age of 17, Ruth's family had the opportunity to move to America: Park Rapids, MN. Not knowing much

English, school was quite difficult for Ruth and her sister, Elfriede. The support of the staff, students and community was always a fond remembrance for Ruth.

Ruth was united in marriage with Walter Raymond Gronlund on June 4, 1954, at the First Baptist Church in Park Rapids. They made their home and reared their family in Verndale, where Ruth was well known for baking beautiful wedding cakes. Ruth was a talented pianist and organist. She served as church organist at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Verndale and Immanuel Lutheran Church in Bartlett Township. She also taught piano lessons for many students. In addition, she did the bookkeeping for Walt's G & L Service station, which he purchased in 1952. Ruth enjoyed knitting, crocheting, and cooking, along with participating in a homemaker's group and her church circle. Her greatest joy was spending time with family and friends.

Preceding Ruth in death were her husband, Walter, on March 8, 2010; parents, Henry and Helene; and in-laws, William and Hilda Gronlund.

Ruth is survived by her daughter, Nancy Helen Gronlund, of Grayslake, IL; son, David Walter (Mary) Gronlund, of Verndale; grandsons, Corey David Gronlund and Ryan Walter Gronlund; sister, Elfriede (Harry) Rebiger; along with many brothers- and sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, and friends.

Burial will be in Green Lawn Cemetery, Verndale, MN.

Cemetery Details

Green Lawn Cemetery

16277 120th Street
1st Ave./ Co Rd 104 (1 mile west of Verndale)
Verndale, MN 56481

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 21. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Visitation

JUL 22. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Service

JUL 22. 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Ruth Gronlund*



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - July 20, 2021 at 06:36 PM

CK

Beautiful Tribute for a Beautiful Soul.

carol kert - July 24, 2021 at 01:47 PM

BB

“ *Betty Barr lit a candle in memory of Ruth Gronlund*



Betty Barr - August 07, 2021 at 02:57 PM

MJ

“ *I was blessed to have met Ruth and sensed her genuine love for people and strong faith in God. May He comfort you, her family and friends, during this time of loss as you reflect on all the many beautiful moments you had with her.*

Matthew Johnson - July 28, 2021 at 08:47 AM

KT

“ *Karla & Jonny Tuinstra lit a candle in memory of Ruth Gronlund*



Karla & Jonny Tuinstra - July 27, 2021 at 03:11 PM

AP

“ *Arleen A. Paulson lit a candle in memory of Ruth Gronlund*



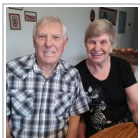
Arleen A. Paulson - July 22, 2021 at 11:03 AM

LT

“ *Lee And Linda Tarrell lit a candle in memory of Ruth Gronlund*



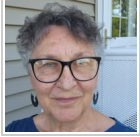
Lee and Linda Tarrell - July 21, 2021 at 04:52 PM



“ *Gladys Chase lit a candle in memory of Ruth Gronlund*



Gladys Chase - July 21, 2021 at 04:23 PM



“ *Jane Erckenbrack lit a candle in memory of Ruth Gronlund*



Jane Erckenbrack - July 21, 2021 at 11:11 AM



“ *Prayers for the family of a very kind and wonderful woman.*



Dan and Carol Osborn - July 21, 2021 at 07:15 AM



Thank you very much.

Nancy Gronlund, Daughter

Nancy Gronlund - July 27, 2021 at 04:54 PM



“ *Kim Anderson lit a candle in memory of Ruth Gronlund*



Kim Anderson - July 20, 2021 at 11:55 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Ruth Gronlund.*



July 20, 2021 at 11:03 PM



“ *Ruth did our wedding cake. It was perfect, exactly what I had envisioned. Ruth was a perfectionist. What a beautiful lady. Steve and Cathy Riewer*

cathy - July 20, 2021 at 10:00 PM



“ *Our condolences to Ruth's family. Ruth was a wonderful lady who loved her family and this country. I had a lot of wonderful visits with Ruth when she would come and walk at the school early in the morning. Rest In Peace Ruth, you were a faithful servant.*

vickie & jim thompson - July 20, 2021 at 07:25 PM



Thank you very kindly.

Nancy Gronlund, Daughter

Nancy Gronlund - July 27, 2021 at 04:55 PM



Nancy I am saddened to have stumbled across this obit three years later. I often thibk of you and your family. Your mother was a wonderful and highly talented woman. She will be missed. Angie Pickar Esko, Mn.

Angie Smith - August 20, 2024 at 08:09 PM



“ 39 files added to the album Life Tributes



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - July 20, 2021 at 06:32 PM



“ Deb & Lyle Haraldson lit a candle in memory of Ruth Gronlund



Deb & Lyle Haraldson - July 20, 2021 at 05:55 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ruth Gronlund.



July 20, 2021 at 12:23 PM

JJ

“ *Jon And Patty Johnson lit a candle in memory of Ruth Gronlund*



Jon and Patty Johnson - July 19, 2021 at 10:50 PM

LR

“ *Lisa Randall sent a virtual gift in memory of Ruth Gronlund*



Lisa Randall - July 19, 2021 at 07:53 PM



Thank you, Lisa.

Nancy Gronlund - July 27, 2021 at 04:56 PM

RA

“ *Roger JoAnn Anderson lit a candle in memory of Ruth Gronlund*



Roger JoAnn Anderson - July 19, 2021 at 06:42 PM

LS

“ *Ruth was one of our Brown Street neighbors.
Always sweet, very kind and gentle of heart.* ”



Len and Sally Siegler - July 19, 2021 at 05:41 PM

BM

“ *Barb Masog lit a candle in memory of Ruth
Gronlund* ”



Barb Masog - July 19, 2021 at 05:17 PM

PH

“ *Nancy, David, and family
So sorry to hear of your mom's passing -- such a wonderful lady. I
have so many fond memories of her and her music.
Thoughts and prayers are with you!* ”

Patsy (Jasmer) Holmquist - July 19, 2021 at 05:11 PM



Thank you, Jazzy. Thank you for being there with us.

Nancy Gronlund - July 27, 2021 at 04:57 PM

MW

“ *Myron And Karen Winkelman lit a candle in memory of Ruth Gronlund*



Myron and Karen Winkelman - July 19, 2021 at 03:32 PM

WS

“ *Heaven has gained such a beautiful and very talented lady! Ruth always knew you and embraced you with her beautiful smile and kindness in conversing. I always admired her beautifully decorated cakes and how she made the piano come alive :) So enjoyed Bible studies with her also, such a loving and kind lady! My sincere sympathy to her wonderful family, our love and prayers are sure with you. What a comfort to know Ruth is 100% healthy now and loving heaven to its fullest, all praise and glory to God!*



Wayne and Sheila Stave - July 19, 2021 at 01:46 PM

TP

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. So sorry on your loss.*

tom and bernice pickar - July 19, 2021 at 12:36 PM

JP

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. She is an angel now watching over all of you. We will keep you in our prayers for peace and comfort. Remember our Lord and Savior's promise that one day we will all be together again in the house HE has prepared for us. May God grant you peace. Deepest sympathies. Jay, Jackie, Jacob and Jayson.



Jackie and Jay Peirus - July 19, 2021 at 10:19 AM

LJ

So very sorry for your loss.

Lee and Helen James - July 19, 2021 at 09:41 PM

PD

“ Patty Desrocher lit a candle in memory of Ruth Gronlund



Patty Desrocher - July 19, 2021 at 07:53 AM

MP

“ Morris & Karen Priebe lit a candle in memory of Ruth Gronlund



Morris & Karen Priebe - July 18, 2021 at 09:34 PM

KU

“ *Karen Umland lit a candle in memory of Ruth Gronlund*



Karen Umland - July 18, 2021 at 09:17 PM

BB

“ *Bruce And Barb Brown lit a candle in memory of Ruth Gronlund*



Bruce and Barb Brown - July 18, 2021 at 05:50 PM

BB

“ *Such a sweet lady!! Sympathy and prayers to the family!!*



Barb Brown - July 18, 2021 at 05:50 PM

SO

“ *Sending prayers and hugs to you all. May God hold you in the palm of his hands for the days to come. Love, Sharyl Olson*



sharyl Olson - July 18, 2021 at 03:38 PM

LH

“ *Leo Haisaman lit a candle in memory of Ruth Gronlund*



Leo Haisaman - July 18, 2021 at 03:01 PM

JA

“ *Jamie lit a candle in memory of Ruth Gronlund*



Jamie - July 18, 2021 at 02:49 PM