



Ruth Kalk

November 25, 1915 - May 9, 2020

A private family service will be held for Ruth Kalk, 104, of Eagle Bend, MN and formerly of Morgan, MN, who passed away peacefully on Saturday, May 9, 2020, at her daughter's home with family by her side.

Ruth Christine Hansen Kalk was born on November 25, 1915, to Hans Alfred and Karen Marie Rasmie "Minnie" Hansen in rural Evan, MN. She was baptized in St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Evan on January 2, 1916, and confirmed her faith at Bethany Lutheran on July 20, 1930, by Rev. Sherman Bondo.

Ruth attended school in rural Morgan and graduated from Morgan High School in 1934. She attended Normal Teaching College in St. Cloud and student taught in Redwood Falls, MN. She got a teaching position in rural District 107. On March 7, 1940, she married Harold Kalk at Bethany Lutheran Church. To this union, five children were born. Ruth and Harold farmed for 40 years together, retiring in 1980. They moved into town and she continued to work at Morgan Hardware for Lyle and Roger Voeltz.

Ruth enjoyed family get-togethers, ceramics, gardening, fishing and raising her children. She was active in 4H and got her children involved as well. She taught Sunday school and Release Time at Zion Lutheran Church in Morgan. She was a life-time member of the Women's Guild at Zion. She was a woman

of great faith and instilled that faith in her children. Her hands have taught with wisdom, wiped away tears with tenderness, and held family with love.

Ruth is survived by her children, David (Julie) Kalk of Medford, MN, Phyllis (Tom) Balko of Redwood Falls, MN, Janice (Jerry) Thorson of Eagle Bend, MN, Ernest (Lynnda) Kalk of New Ulm, MN, Jolene Meierding of Eagle Bend, MN; 17 grandchildren, 29 great grandchildren, and 5 great-great grandchildren; and honorary daughter, Norma Watson and family. She is also survived by her sister-in-law, Violet Hansen of Sauk Centre, MN; along with 5 nieces and 2 nephews.

Ruth was preceded in death by her husband Harold; parents; triplet infant siblings Annette, Einar, and Vernetta Hansen; brother Leonard Hansen; grandson Daniel Balko; great-grandson infant Thorson; son-in-law David Meierding; and granddaughter-in-law Eden "Bliss" Kalk.

Blessed be her memory.

Burial will be in held at a later date in Zion Eden Lutheran Cemetery, rural Morgan, MN.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ruth was an inspiration to many. She was my Sunday School teacher, MANY years ago. She always remembered me throughout the years and had a huge smile. May she rest in peace. God granted her many special birthdays.*
Joleen (Raddatz) Wendinger

Joleen Wendinger - May 15, 2020 at 01:48 PM



“ *Margaret & Peter Van Erp lit a candle in memory of Ruth Kalk*



Margaret & Peter Van Erp - May 11, 2020 at 09:30 AM



“ *To the Kalk family, It was a pleasure to have known your mother. I haven't been able to see her for quite some time and I know that she was a special mother to you.*
She lived such a long life and I know you will miss her. I ask God to be with you all as you go through the days ahead! Betty Lipinski



Betty Lipinski - May 10, 2020 at 12:51 PM