



Ruth Pudas

April 6, 1926 - September 5, 2013

The funeral service for Ruth M. Pudas of Sebeka will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 11, 2013, at the St. John Lutheran Church in Wadena with Pastor Stephen Meltzer officiating. Friends may call on Tuesday from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Johnson-Schuller Chapel in Wadena. Visitation will resume at the church on Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of service. Ruth passed away at the age of 87, on Thursday, September 5, 2013 at the Fair Oaks Lodge in Wadena.

Ruth Mary Pudas was born April 6, 1926 to Edward and Hilja (Roiko) Luoma. Oldest of 6 children, she was married to Clifford Peterson in 1944. In 1951, they bought the farm in Sebeka and had 2 children, Warren and Nancy. After Clifford's death in 1972, she was united in marriage to Murlyn Pudas in 1977. Together they owned and operated the Pudas Carpet Cleaning business until 1988. Murlyn passed away in 2008.

Ruth was an active member of St. John Lutheran Church in Wadena, the American Legion Auxiliary in Sebeka, a life member of the VFW Auxiliary in Wadena and DAVA in Park Rapids. She was also an active member on the Wadena County Health Board.

Ruth was preceded in death by her parents; husbands Clifford and Murlyn; son Warren Peterson; sisters Beatrice Luoma and Ellen Mattila; and brother

Arnold Luoma.

She is survived by her daughter Nancy Peterson of Aurora, CO; daughter-in-law Becky Peterson of Moorhead, MN; stepchildren Richard (Nancy) Pudas of Eden Prairie, MN, Ranaye (Dick) Klueenberg of Barnum, MN, Randy (Mary) Pudas of Menahga, MN, Rhonda (Tom) Ellenbecker of St. Joseph, MN, Russell (Heather) Pudas of Northfield, MN, and Robert (Char) Pudas of Becker, MN; sisters Doris Bauck of Oregon and Jane (Bob) Darling of Massachusetts; along with numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Honorary pallbearers will be all of Ruth's grandchildren and great grandchildren. Pallbearers will be Kristopher Peterson, Colby Pudas, Zach Pudas, Elijah Stenman, Nathan Klueenberg, Keegan Pudas and Matt Pudas.

Burial will be next to her first husband in Fort Snelling Cemetery in Minneapolis, MN.

Loved by family, she will be missed by many.

Cemetery Details

Fort Snelling National Cemetery

Minneapolis, MN

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 10. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Visitation

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

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

Service

SEP 11. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall

AP

“ Ruth was our neighbor on the farm in Sebeka. I as a teenager, went to help her for the week, when she had Nancy. She was a lovely person and friend. She will be missed by so many of us. Love and prayers to the family during this time. Alice Koskiniemi Piri

Alice Piri - September 12, 2013 at 11:07 AM



“ Ruth was such a good friend to my mom, Betty Weappa. They enjoyed visiting with each other. I remember many funny stories that Ruth told over the years. I send prayers to all of her loved ones and family. Janet & Todd Eckman

Janet Eckman - September 10, 2013 at 09:14 PM

MH

“ We are blessed to have known Mrs. Pudas as a neighbor. We have fond memories of riding our bikes to her home and Mrs. Pudas always sharing stories and goodies with us. Our hearts, prayers and thoughts are with you and your family Mrs. Pudas. We will miss her caring smile, trick-or-treating, sharing strawberries and riding our bikes to the Pudas' for a treat... thank you for touching our lives! Your neighbors...
Mike, Molly, Megan and Mason Heino.

Molly Heino - September 10, 2013 at 12:20 PM

MH

“ *Molly Heino lit a candle in memory of Ruth Pudas*



Molly Heino - September 10, 2013 at 12:09 PM

HB

“ *We met Ruth when we moved to Sebekka in 1970. Her nephew, Mr. Mattila, a former student of mine in Hastings knocked on our door as he was visiting Ruth.*

We were very fortunate to have her as a friend. She was so upbeat and friendly.

We were glad that Ruth and Murlyn were married as they were cared so much for each other.

You could not meet a better person. She will be missed by everyone.

Nancy and family,

Teresa and I extend our sincere sympathy to you at this most difficult time.

Our prayers and sympathy are with you.

Harold and Teresa Berg

Forest Lake, MN

Harold Berg - September 10, 2013 at 09:19 AM

DP

“ We will always remember Ruth with great fondness and love. I would visit Murlyn and Ruth several times to carve around their kitchen table. Ruth, the real hostess, would have delicious meals and refreshments for us hard-carving brothers. Ruth wanted me to visit on Tuesdays as the Pine Cove had dollar burger specials on that day. She was a blessing to the Pudas family and she absorbed our family into hers. She and Murlyn were great for each other as they watched out for each other's health. Their relationship contributed to a longer, and better life for each other. We will miss you Dear Ruth.

David and Anne Pudas - September 09, 2013 at 03:38 PM

SR

“ What a joy Ruth brought to our family when she and Murlyn were married. It was great that they found each other and they could unite their families.
Ruth and Murlyn so enjoyed traveling and visiting relatives and friends along the way and we were happy for their adventures. We always had wonderful visits with Ruth and Murlyn in Sebek and good memories when they visited us in ND.
We have good memories of her hospitality, her love of reading, love of scrapbooking, and her strong, daily devotion to God.
Our kids all received hand written Christmas letters from Ruth and they recalled she'd say with her eyes twinkling that she wanted to use postage stamps to keep Murlyn's pension going.
We all feel Ruth was a special blessing from God to the Pudas Family and we will miss her very much.
Sharon and Phil

Sharon and Phil Rabon - September 08, 2013 at 08:03 PM

PW

“ *Peggy Lalone Wickham lit a candle in memory of Ruth Pudas*



Peggy Lalone Wickham - September 08, 2013 at 01:23 PM

SS

“ *Stan & Betty Stephenson lit a candle in memory of Ruth Pudas*



Stan & Betty Stephenson - September 07, 2013 at 08:25 PM

SN

“ *Steve & Jan Nelson lit a candle in memory of Ruth Pudas*



Steve & Jan Nelson - September 07, 2013 at 04:24 PM

BS

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



Bonnie Schlecht - September 07, 2013 at 03:31 PM

MP

“ *Mary Pudas lit a candle in memory of Ruth Pudas*



Mary Pudas - September 07, 2013 at 02:04 PM

JK

“ *Ruth was a lovely lady filled with joy and happiness. She always had such a warm smile and ready to share one story after another! I have many years of memories of Ruth especially how she was so instrumental in getting Nancy, Janelle and I to the golf course for summer league! She was also a wonderful cook and dessert maker - one of my mom's favorite recipes is labeled "Ruth's Ladies Day Dessert" - it makes me smile whenever I see it. Nancy, please know that your mom was loved by many and will be greatly missed. She will never be forgotten.*

Janet Koll

Janet Koll - September 07, 2013 at 09:49 AM

FP

“ *Marit and I will always treasure our visits with Ruth and Murlyn. They could entertain us with their stories and we enjoyed lots of laughter as we sat around the table. Their morning breakfasts ended with their scripture, prayer and naming all of those they had written on their prayer list. You may have been included every day even though you were not aware of this blessing. They knew where their blessings came from and they believed they were blessed to be a blessing to others. We are convinced that Ruth's tender care of Murlyn extended his life among us. They were good for each other. We miss them! God's Peace to all the members of their family.*

Franklin and Marit Pudas

Franklin Pudas - September 07, 2013 at 09:44 AM

CM

“ *The first time I remember meeting Ruth was many years ago at the John Quale farm. She was farming with her husband and the children were still young at that time. She came by herself and entertained us with delightful stories of everyday farm life, but only as Ruth could make it interesting. I still love hearing her talk and tell one story after another, lots of great smiles and laughs along the way. She was a great hostess. Wonderful talented lady. She is missed and will be missed for a long time. Peace and sympathy to her family. Carole Quale Mersinger and John Mersinger*



Carole Mersinger - September 07, 2013 at 08:14 AM

GK

“ *Glenn & Laura Kimball lit a candle in memory of Ruth Pudas*



Glenn & Laura Kimball - September 07, 2013 at 08:12 AM

JB

“ *Jim And Lorie Baron(Martini) lit a candle in memory of Ruth Pudas*



Jim and Lorie Baron(Martini) - September 06, 2013 at 09:32 PM

C(

“ *Ruth was a wonderful lady. She will be missed.*



Christie (Crabb)Hennagir - September 06, 2013 at 09:07 PM

RR

“ *I remember Ruth as a true romantic. She asked me to kiss my wife in the dining room after the golf outing while we were engaged. Your smile, spunk, kisses and plastic covered furniture are all fond memories that will be greatly missed.*

Reid Rabon - September 06, 2013 at 08:43 PM

ML

“ *Mary Jo Wynn Lepisto lit a candle in memory of Ruth Pudas*



Mary Jo Wynn Lepisto - September 06, 2013 at 08:30 PM

DA

“ *Diane Schiller Anderson lit a candle in memory of Ruth Pudas*



Diane Schiller Anderson - September 06, 2013 at 08:17 PM

MF

“ *Marie & Mike Fraune lit a candle in memory of Ruth Pudas*



Marie & Mike Fraune - September 06, 2013 at 01:22 PM

HL

“ *Harold And Barb Lillquist lit a candle in memory of Ruth Pudas*



Harold and Barb Lillquist - September 06, 2013 at 09:14 AM

PH

“ *Peggy Wynn Haman lit a candle in memory of Ruth Pudas*



Peggy Wynn Haman - September 05, 2013 at 05:44 PM