

Ruth Wirkus, age 81, of Linn Grove, Iowa died on Sunday, November 4, 2018 at the Pleasant View Home in Albert City, Iowa.

Ruth Marilyn Rosenbaum, the daughter of Howard and Ida (Strand) Rosenbaum was born on the Rosenbaum family farm in Union County, South Dakota, on April 21, 1937. Ruth was one of 12 children. They were a very close family and she loved them all very much. She received her education at Jefferson, South Dakota. Ruth was baptized at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Elk Point, South Dakota. As a young girl, Ruth enjoyed cooking with her mother and grandmothers.

On January 21, 1953, Ruth was united in marriage to Raymond Wirkus at Webster, South Dakota and this union was blessed with four children: Cheryl, Terry, Diane and Barb. She and Raymond raised their four children whom they loved so very much. Ruth enjoyed having Sunday dinners with her family, babysitting the grandchildren and fishing with her husband. She will be remembered by everyone who knew her as a loving and compassionate lady. Ruth had a very nurturing nature and was a caretaker to many people, whether she knew them well or not. She was kind to everyone. Ruth had a love for flowers and taking care of the birds in her yard, especially the hummingbirds. She and her best friend, Mary Peterson Irwin, loved going to Riversoo Park, roller skating, dancing, and going to the Gordon Twin Drive-in Theaters. Ruth and Mary remained best friends to this day.

Ruth's life is loved, honored and cherished by her family which include her children: Cheryl(Gene) Johnson of Linn Grove, Iowa, Terry Wirkus of Spencer, Iowa, Diane Hach of Albert City, Iowa, and Barb Cox of Las Vegas, Nevada, 11 grandchildren, 30 great grandchildren, 4 great great grandchildren, her sister: Virginia Sundleaf, her brother: Randy (Norma) Rosenbaum, a sister-in-law: Janet Rosenbaum, nieces, nephews, other extended family and her many friends.

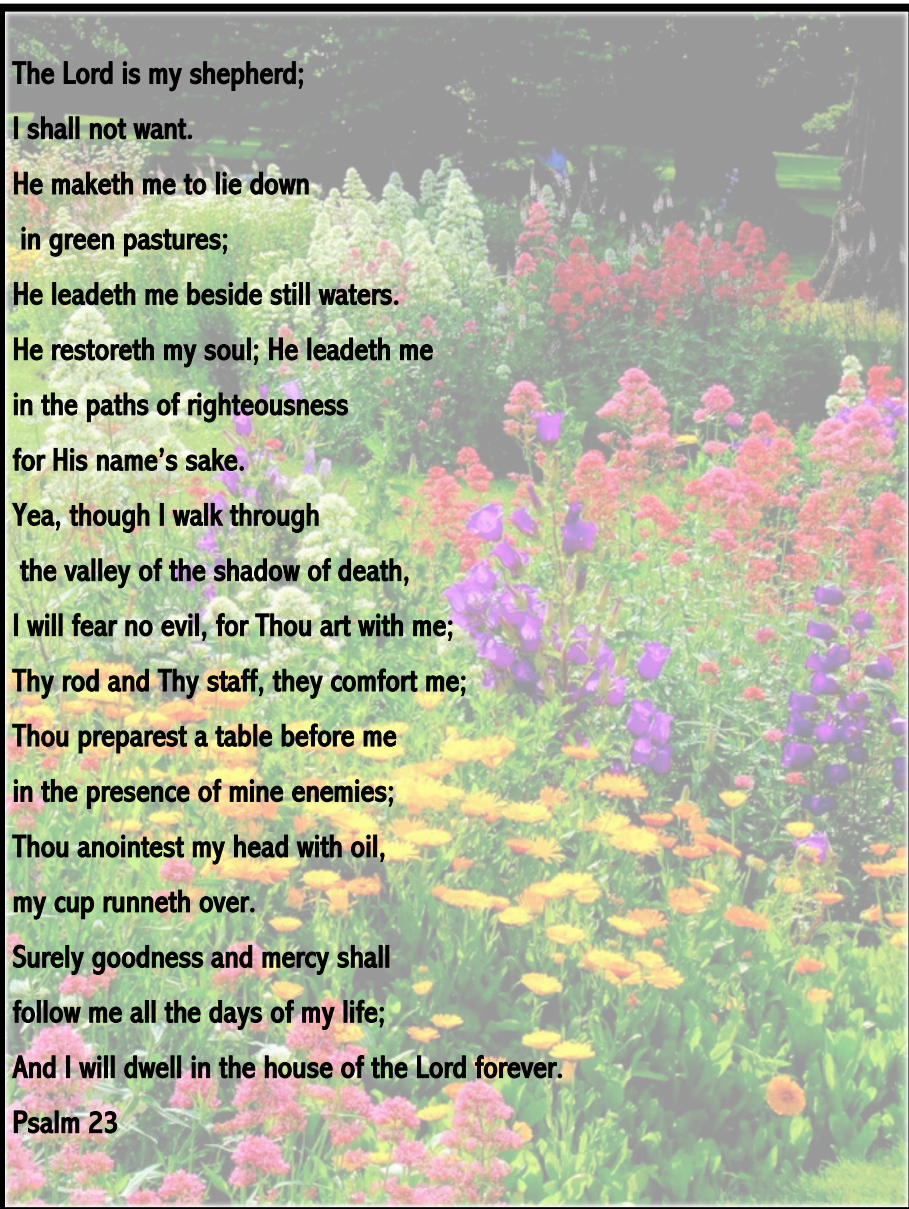
She was preceded in death by her parents: Howard and Ida Rosenbaum, her husband: Raymond, her 6 sisters: Marcella, Lavonne, Norriene, Corriene, Donna and Darlene, and her 3 brothers: Orville, Richard, and her twin brother: Russell.

In Loving Memory



Ruth Marilyn Wirkus

1937 — 2018



The Lord is my shepherd;

I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down

in green pastures;

He leadeth me beside still waters.

He restoreth my soul; He leadeth me

in the paths of righteousness

for His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through

the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me;

Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me;

Thou preparest a table before me

in the presence of mine enemies;

Thou anointest my head with oil,

my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall

follow me all the days of my life;

And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Psalm 23

IN MEMORY OF Ruth Marilyn Wirkus

April 21, 1937 — November 4, 2018

FUNERAL SERVICE

Friday, November 9, 2018 — 1:00 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church

Linn Grove, Iowa

CLERGY

Pastor Rhonda Wykoff

ORGANIST

Eloise Obman

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS

"The Old Rugged Cross"

"Amazing Grace"

SOLOIST

Elaine Peacock

"In The Garden"

"Angels Among Us"

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS

David Johnson, Tracey Johnson, Jamex Cox

Cody Johnson, Eric Wirkus, Tyler Huls

CASKET BEARERS

Dan Huls, Anthony Eberle, Casey Eberle

Christian Eberle, Dallas Eberle, Dalton Eberle

INTERMENT

Barnes Township Cemetery

Linn Grove, Iowa

Arrangements by

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We wish to express our sincere gratitude for the many kindnesses evidenced in thought and deed, and for your attendance at this service. Please join us for lunch and a time of fellowship at the church following the burial.

— *The Family of Ruth Wirkus*