



Alice Ruth McCalley

December 19, 1920 - May 22, 2014

Alice Ruth (Strauser) McCalley, 93, went to be with her Lord Thursday, May 22, 2014.

Alice was born December 19, 1920, in Plainfield, Iowa, to Ralph and Alida (Jackson) Strauser. She was born again June 17, 1939. She married John A. "Jack" McCalley Sept. 30, 1942 while he was serving in World War II. He preceded her in death on June 19, 2011.

Alice is survived by seven children: Ruth (John) Gross of Grapevine, TX; Mary Wardell of Cedar Falls, IA; Anne (Jerald) Lukensmeyer of Cedar Falls, IA; Lois Hohenberger of Littleton, CO; Phillip (Louise) McCalley of Ankeny, IA; Timothy (Eunice) McCalley of Cedar Rapids, IA, and Stephen McCalley of Adel, IA; 20 grandchildren, 34 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild; three siblings: Lorraine Jacobs of Clarksville, Iowa; Paul Strauser of Shell Rock, Iowa; and William "Bill" Strauser of Poplar, Montana. She was preceded in death by her parents and by siblings: Clyde Strauser, Lawrence Strauser and Marlene (Strauser) Thompson. She was also preceded in death by one grandson, Timothy McCalley.

Alice's lifelong desire has been for all of her family to be part of the happy circle of those enjoying the salvation the Lord has provided through His Son Jesus Christ and His death on the cross. And then, for each member of the

family to go on to serve the Lord in the way God chose for them.

She spent her life as a care giver. First as a big sister to her siblings, then she worked for several families in her early years. She assisted Russell and Tillie Nesbit when their son Russell Jr. was born and she worked for the Goff family in Oregon and Perry and Mary Harmon of Waterloo, Iowa. Then she faithfully cared for her seven children and most of her grandchildren as they arrived. She loyally cared for her parents through their declining years and death. When her nest emptied, Alice obtained a diploma from Hawkeye Institute to be an administrative assistant, but instead she spent several years caring for Mildred Sutherland in her final years.

Funeral Services will be 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, May 27, 2014 at the Cedar Falls Gospel Hall with burial in Elmwood Cemetery, Dike. Friends may call after 2 p.m. Monday, at Richardson Funeral Home in Cedar Falls where the family will greet friends from 2 to 5 p.m.

Memorial contributions can be directed to Seed Sowers USA, or Linn Manor Care in Marion, Iowa. Online condolences can be left for her family at richardsonfuneralservice.com or mccalleyfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Elmwwod Cemetery

Dike, IA

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 26. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Richardson Funeral Service
615 Main Street
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
(319) 266-3525
richardsonfuneralservice@gmail.com
<http://richardson.funeralplan2.com>

Funeral Service

MAY 27. 11:00 AM (CT)

Cedar Falls Gospel Hall
1302 Walnut Street
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
(319) 277-8011

Tribute Wall

DB

“ With heartfelt sympathies to the family of dear Alice McCalley. I was sorry to hear that you lost your Mother and Grandmother. It is comforting to know she is rejoicing with her Savior and out of all pain and suffering. I have so many wonderful memories of being in her home when I was young and being with your family. May all the wonderful memories you had with her help to fill the void in your hearts.

*With deepest sympathy,
Dana (Smith) Brudos*

Dana Brudos - June 02, 2014 at 08:08 AM

KA

“ Warm sympathy to your family..always enjoyed visiting her and she so enjoyed when I played the old hymns.. now she is enjoying the heavenly music in the presence of our Lord.. so remember when I was a young girl and she would come to my parents.. such sweet memories.

With sympathyRod and Judy

Kampman - May 26, 2014 at 06:56 AM

BT

“ *Loving memories of this precious soul!*

Bonnie Wessels Tozer - May 25, 2014 at 11:24 PM

NL

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Nathan Lukensmeyer - May 23, 2014 at 10:55 PM

DS

“ *Our sympathy to the family of Alice McCalley. Precious in the sight of The Lord is the death of His saints. To depart and be with Christ is far better.*

Debby & Dennis Stickfort

Dennis Stickfort - May 23, 2014 at 06:19 PM

DA

“ *Sorry to hear of your loss. You have our sympathies. I remember your mother and the rest of you when we attended Sunday School at Western Ave Gospel Hall. That was a long time ago but it's times like these that bring back the memories. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Dennis & Marge Andreessen

Dennis Andreessen - May 22, 2014 at 10:01 PM

PM

“ On mothers day of this year Mom had more than 47 visitors and was acknowledging the presence of most of them although not all were personally recognized. When the day was nearing it's end we held our final "Family Meeting", Mom held the potato masher that we had used as a gavel so long ago and "presided" for the last time. My contribution toward the end of the meeting was to tell mom not to stick any beans in her nose. She laughed remembering that one of her daughters had defied their fathers advice and ended up in the doctors office to have it removed.
Mom was loved dearly by all of her 7 children, but not as much as she loved us.
Phil McCalley, son

Phillip McCalley - May 22, 2014 at 07:33 PM

RN

Your mom was cool - I liked talking to her at the Strauser reunions. -
Rick Nootnagel

Robert Nootnagel - May 23, 2014 at 09:27 AM

MG

Phil, there is something about being in a big family! It amazes me how much love there is between a Mom and kids and the kids meaning (brothers & sisters)! Mabe it is because there was not a lot of material things, and what you did have was shared! Thus, these many years later you continue to share a loved that started so long ago! You kids are a neat family and no matter the curcomstances you always have a lot of fun! My love to you at this time. Marilyn Groothuis

Marilyn Groothuis - May 23, 2014 at 11:48 PM