



Ruth A. Bartels

March 13, 1925 - July 25, 2016

Ruth Bartels (1925-2016)

CEDAR FALLS- Ruth A. Bartels, 91, of Cedar Falls passed away peacefully July 25, 2016 at New Aldaya Assisted Living in Cedar Falls.

She was born March 13, 1925 in Westgate, Iowa, the daughter of Carl and Anna Heller. She married Vern Bartels January 19, 1946, and moved to Cedar Falls where they raised 3 boys and lived the rest of their lives.

Ruth worked at the Ordnance plant in Ankeny during World War II, then at Firestone Tire in Cedar Falls before becoming a homemaker. She served her community as a school crossing guard, school cafeteria worker, Cub Scout den leader, volunteered at the World's Window, and the Lutheran and Western Homes. She was an active member of Nazareth Lutheran Church for nearly 40 years.

Survived by: Three sons; Carson (Deb) Bartels of Cedar Falls; Scott (Marlane) of Grove City, OH; Doug (Una) of Granger; 7 grandchildren, and 6 great grandchildren; and three sisters, Frieda Hirsch of Rialto, CA, Corinne Trotter of Cedar Falls and Ann Rust of Lakeside, OH.

Preceded in death by: Her parents Carl and Anna, her husband Vern (1996), her sisters Marie and Esther, and her brother Carl.

Visitation will be at the NewAldaya Chapel in Cedar Falls, Friday July 29, 2016 at 9:00 a.m., followed by a church service at 10, and a reception immediately following. A burial for the immediate family will follow at Greenwood cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Hospice of Cedar Valley.

Cemetery Details

Greenwood Cemetery

the end of College St, north of First Street
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
(319) 273-8628

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 29. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

NewAldaya Lifescapes Chapel
7511 University Avenue
Cedar Falls, IA
(319) 268-0401

Funeral Service

JUL 29. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

CB

“ I have stayed in touch with Ruth over the years and always enjoyed her letters and emails. She shared wonderful and fun memories of my parents, Richard and Marjorie Blake, from when our families were neighbors on Madison Street. Ruth always made me laugh and was always upbeat. Our family thought a lot of her and Vernon.

I am sad that Ruth is gone from this earth. My condolences to Carson, Scott, Doug and their families.

Carrie Blake

Carrie Blake - July 29, 2016 at 10:13 AM

BT

“ Dear Ruth & Vern's family.....want to say what wonderful friends & neighbors these two loving people were.....Our whole family loved them & GOD has blessed us for being in their world. Until we meet again dear friends.

Dick & Bonnie Timmerman

Curt & Cathy Timmerman & girls (they learned to love & laugh with Vern)

Mick & Hope Timmerman

Jay Timmerman

Bonnie Timmerman - July 28, 2016 at 10:44 PM

DA

“ Doug,

Very sorry to hear of the loss of your mom, I have fond memories of her at your house in Cedar falls when we were kids, like the birthday parties.

Darrin Thran

Darrin - July 28, 2016 at 07:14 PM

BD

“ *Our sympathy to your family. Ruth was such a dear lady. We are sure you will miss her very much, but we think you probably have some wonderful memories to sustain you.*

*Faith Daws, a neighbor from the 1950's in downtown Cedar Falls
Barb Dowd, a neighbor from the Cedar Heights area*

Barbara Dowd - July 28, 2016 at 10:45 AM



“ *Thinking of you Doug and Una and your family
Mark and Ane*

Mark Hainey - July 28, 2016 at 08:06 AM

JM

“ *I knew Ruth and Vern when they volunteered at the Western Home. Both were very giving people and Ruth was a sweet, sweet lady. One day she was wearing a necklace that she had crafted. I admired it and she took it off and gave it to me. She was a giver who lived her faith. RIP dear Ruth.*

Jacquelyn Meyer - July 27, 2016 at 10:05 PM

SA

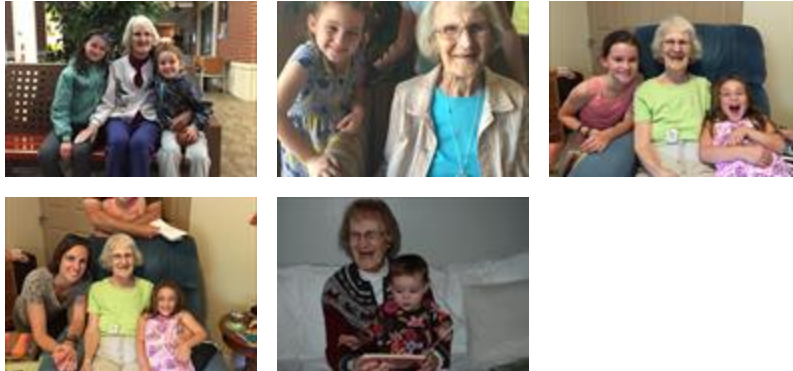
“ Sharing this message that was sent to me by Cynthia (Jones) Lantz because I love hearing these stories about my grandma!

When I was young my sister & I used to stay with Aunt Ruth & Uncle Vern sometimes in the summer, after our mother died. We always had fun there, even though our cousins were boys [ha]. Carson & Scott were good to us too, and would let us ride their bikes, which was a treat to ride on the city sidewalks instead of the grass at home. Aunt Ruth cooked good meals for us and she & Uncle Vern were very kind to Susan & I, when we missed our mom so much. She was very dear, and I loved visiting with her these past few years after I retired & had more time. She was a fun person. I know you will miss her too. I'm so glad I went to visit her this spring when I got home from my winter tax season on the coast.

Sarah - July 27, 2016 at 02:24 PM

SA

“ 11 files added to the album FAMILY



Sarah - July 26, 2016 at 10:34 PM

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“ My favorite Aunt Ruth! My best cheerleader and my motivation to always try and be the best person I could be because she always believed the best of me. I did not want to disappoint her. She always told me about Grandpa Heller, her dad, saying that one day I would teach the teachers. I always felt as though I was being prayed for by her through many tough times and I always knew I was loved by her. She extended this same love to my children. She was a gift from God to me! I remember her telling me one day that she was slowing down. I laughed because she was in her late 80's then. I reminded her she was still riding a bike, mowing her lawn, cooking, and cleaning. And even she had to agree she was blessed. My cousin Jeni and I went to visit her a few weeks ago. She said she got tired easier and we could only stay a few minutes. We laughed, shared memories, looked at pictures, and took her for a wheel chair ride around the property. 4 hours later Jeni and I were pooped and she was still going strong. I told her maybe we could come back and see her again. She said, "I hope not. I want to be in heaven." Well, she is there now and I have lost my cheerleader. Take good care of her God. She took good care of us while she was on earth.
Love you forever,
Ann

ann meyer - July 26, 2016 at 10:10 PM

CB

“ Ruth was such an inspiration to me learned so much from her. Sat by her for many years at Nazareth. Will miss her so much but so happy she is with Jesus now. What a blessing Ruth was to who ever she met or new. May you find peace and comfort at this time. So sorry for your loss.

Coleen Boyce - July 26, 2016 at 05:47 PM