



## Ruth Ellen Bernard

May 30, 1926 - July 13, 2018

CEDAR FALLS – Ruth Ellen Bernard, 92, of Cedar Falls died Friday, July 13, 2018 at Sartori Memorial Hospital.

She was born May 30, 1926 in Solomon, Kansas, daughter of Harvey and Amanda (Rice) Wood. She married Russell E. Bernard on August 25, 1946 in Solomon. He preceded her in death on December 3, 1997.

She graduated from Solomon High School and attended Marymount College in Salina, Kansas. She was a homemaker throughout her adult life.

Survived by: her children, Roger (Peggy) of Overland Park, KS, Joyce (Duane) Schulz of Leawood, KS, Alan (Deb) and Steve (Julee) both of Cedar Falls; eleven grandchildren: Brett (Susie) Bernard, Justin (Kati) Bernard, Shelby Bernard, Ryan (Alesia) Schulz, Bryce Bernard, Eric Schulz, Brittany Bernard, Jason Schulz, Allison (Brandon) Pedersen, Kyle (Allison) Bernard, Kevin Bernard; six great grandchildren: Luke, Emily, Tyler, Ashlee, Cooper, and Isla; a sister, Betty Butler of Salina, KS; and a brother, Harvey (Pat) Wood Jr of Solomon, KS.

Preceded in death by: two sisters, Dorothy Hull and Elsie Napier; four brothers, Raymond, Clyde, and Charles Wood, and one in infancy.

Services: 10:30 a.m. Saturday, July 21st at First United Methodist Church with burial prior to the service at 9:30 a.m. in Fairview Cemetery, both in Cedar Falls. Visitation from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, July 20th at Richardson Funeral Service.

Memorials may be directed to the church.

Condolences may be left at [www.richardsonfuneralservice.com](http://www.richardsonfuneralservice.com).

Ruth lived a joyful life, full of friendships and family. She and Russ settled in Cedar Falls and were active in many civic and Church organizations. Above all, she loved time with family, which was fun-filled and bountiful. She touched many with her kindness, thoughtfulness and ever-present smile!

# Cemetery Details

## Fairview Cemetery

12th and Division Streets  
Cedar Falls, IA 50613  
(319) 273-8628

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 20. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

## Burial

JUL 21. 9:30 AM (CT)

Fairview Cemetery  
12th and Division Streets  
Cedar Falls, IA 50613  
(319) 273-8628

## Funeral Service

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JUL 21. 10:30 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church  
718 Clay Street  
Cedar Falls, IA 50613  
<http://aboutfirst.com>

# Tribute Wall

JW

“ Accept our deepest sympathy at the passing of your mother, and grandmother. Losing one so special leaves a deep hole in your lives. Cling to all the great memories you shared. May it comfort you to know that others share your loss. May God grant each of you peace and serenity at this time. John and Kathy Weber

John and Kathy Weber - July 21, 2018 at 09:36 AM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Ruth Ellen Bernard.



July 19, 2018 at 02:43 PM

CF

“ Charles Wood Family purchased the Delightful Di effenbachia for the family of Ruth Ellen Bernard.



Charles Wood Family - July 19, 2018 at 12:21 PM

VT

“ Aunt Ruth portrays the epitome of kindness and humanity, always caring about everybody else before herself. I have so many great memories, especially for the time when I was 8 and my brother Doug, was 9 years old, went to stay with the Bernard family for three weeks! Steve was just a baby! We were treated like their own, and Uncle Russ and Aunt Ruth held a special place in my heart. She will be dearly missed by all her knew her. Dave and I send our sincerest condolences to all of her family.

*Vickie Tangeman*

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**Vickie Tangeman** - July 19, 2018 at 11:11 AM

LB

“ Dear Alan and Deb...and all Ruth's family, I am so sorry to hear about your Mom's passing. She was so gracious, funny and kind; I'm glad I got to know her, even a little, at WindGrace.

*Wishing you Peace,  
Lisa Berg*

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**lisa berg** - July 18, 2018 at 11:11 PM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Ruth Ellen Bernard.



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July 18, 2018 at 09:25 AM

KS

“ Aunt Ruth was such a caring person. She always remembered each and everyone of us. I well remember the one and only vacation we took as a family when I was a kid and all 7 of us went to Cedar Falls to stay with the Bernard family. Aunt Ruth and Uncle Russ made room for all of us, fed us, and even took us on a little trip--- that's when Uncle Russ backed into the tree-- he couldn't see behind him for all the kids in the back of the station wagon! Cherish all those memories you have. Aunt Ruth will be missed by all of us.

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**Katie Simmons** - July 17, 2018 at 06:28 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ruth Ellen Bernard.



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July 17, 2018 at 04:16 PM

DP

“ Aunt Ruth was loved by all and will be missed by many. She always sent a card with a handwritten note or letter on birthdays and special occasions. She was such a sweetheart, and I was so sorry to hear of her passing. My condolences to the entire family. We will keep you in our prayers for peace and comfort during this time, and will smile while thinking of the joyous reunion she is having in Heaven by those who went before her. Love to you all!

*Dianne Wood Pyke*

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**Dianne Wood Pyke** - July 16, 2018 at 05:40 PM

MH

“ I am saddened to hear about Mrs. Bernard's passing. Always had a smile for everyone. To Alan, Roger and the whole family, you are in my thoughts and prayers.

*(Mike Heisterkamp)*

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**mike heisterkamp** - July 16, 2018 at 09:22 AM

RM

“ I have always been so proud to share the same name with Aunt Ruth. She was the kindest, sweetest woman who always remembered us and made each of us feel special. It is comforting to know that she has been welcomed into heaven by a loving family who has gone before her. The Wood brothers and sisters were very close, and I know she has been greeted with open arms.

*Sincere sympathy to all of the family. She will be greatly missed, but the memories and love will last forever.*

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**Ruth Wood Mustard** - July 15, 2018 at 06:19 PM

BW

*All your words were very true Ruth Wood Mustard. She was my sister in law but she always treated me like family. She never missed a birthday. She was such a wonderful person and was loved by all*

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**Betty Wood** - July 16, 2018 at 05:03 PM

JM

“ Jeff and Joleen Moe purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Ruth Ellen Bernard.



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**Jeff and Joleen Moe** - July 15, 2018 at 05:35 PM

JM

“ Ruth was one of the sweetest ladies we have been blessed to know. She always greeted us kids growing up with a smile on her face and with opened arms, as if we were her own. She will be sadly missed. Keeping all of the Bernard family in our prayers. Jeff and Joleen Moe

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**Joleen Moe** - July 15, 2018 at 04:42 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ruth Ellen Bernard.



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July 15, 2018 at 12:01 PM

LF

“ Ruth was a faithful friend. She was there for me as a grief partner following the death of my husband and has remained beside me ever since. We attended church together. We enjoyed band concerts, plays and other church activities but most of all I will miss our "talks." She was a wonderful listener. She was one of the most caring persons I have known. Rest in Peace dear friend.

*Linda Fitch*

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**Linda Fitch** - July 14, 2018 at 09:46 PM

MG

“ Ruth was such a gentle person who always had a smile. She loved family. I'll miss the annual Christmas card--a picture of her ever-expanding family. I remember Christmases at Grandma and Grandpa Wood's and how she and Russ would stuff the station wagon with Santa gifts. I remember Russ backing up on a stump with that station wagon stuffed full of kids--enough to distract anyone!

*I know she helped make memories that you all will cherish the rest of your lives. I know how you'll miss her because I know how I miss my mom and dad. Rest in peace, Ruth as you join the "Wood Reunion" in heaven.*

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**Mary Ann Wood Grass** - July 14, 2018 at 09:18 PM

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“ Mrs. Bernard was the bestus customer a young newspaper boy like me could have ever had!  
She will be at Peace, when she know the Bernard family is at Peace.

*Tom Hagarty  
(former newspaper carrier.)*

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**Tom Hagarty** - July 14, 2018 at 04:18 PM