



Mrs. Ruth Caraker

July 28, 1928 - July 31, 2012

Mildred Ruth Caraker

Age: 84 years

A former resident of Vienna, Illinois.

Passed away Tuesday evening, July 31, 2012, at 7:45 PM at the Massac Memorial Hospital in Metropolis, Illinois.

Ruth was born July 28, 1928 in Belknap, Illinois. She was the daughter of Clella Thorne and Opal (Bost) Thorne.

Ruth was united in marriage to Charles Robert Caraker on September 29, 1945 in Vienna, Illinois. He preceded her in death in January 1953.

Survivors include:

A Son & Daughter-in-Law – Doug & Terri Caraker of Vienna, IL

A Daughter – Frances Howard of Metropolis, IL

7 Grandchildren – Patrick & Tana Howard of Paducah, KY

Jodie & Todd Thane of Denver, CO

Amy & Carl Manley of Metropolis, IL

Jamie & Jessie Caraker of Vevay, IN

Tracy Caraker of Vienna, IL

Travis Caraker of Ocala, FL
Heather & Justin Gurley of Vienna, IL
12 Great Grandchildren – Matt, Lauren, Joshua, Emma, Keilie, Keanan,
Bobby,
Jessica, Seth, Paycee, Savannah, & Wyatt
2 Sisters & Brothers-in-Law – Alice & Art Schultz of Midlothian, IL
Norma & Robert Lane of Browning, IL
A Brother – Denny Skelton of Vienna, IL
A Step Sister – Irene Canfield of Garden Valley, ID
A Daughter-in-Law – Vicki Caraker Erwin of Vienna, IL
Nieces and Nephews

Ruth was preceded in death by:

Her Parents – Clella Thorne and Opal (Bost) Thorne Skelton
Her Husband – Charles Robert Caraker
A Son – Earl Gene Caraker
A Great Grandson – Aaron Thane
A Brother – Bobby Gene Thorne
An Infant Brother – Lloyd Douglas Thorne
A Step Brother – Jimmy Skelton

In her youth, Ruth had worked as a restaurant waitress. She was a devoted homemaker and loved tending her flowers, gardening, and canning.

Ruth had a deep love for children and provided child care in her home for many families over the years. Ruth is remembered fondly by many for “babysitting half of the children in Johnson County.”

Ruth was of the Baptist faith. As a youth, she had attended the Belknap United Methodist Church.

Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon, August 4, 2012, at 1 PM at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna. Pastor Tim Blankenship will officiate.

Burial will be in the Cedar Grove Cemetery, west of Buncombe.

Visitation will be from 10 AM – 1 PM Saturday at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna.

Memorials may be made to the Heather Harper Treat Memorial Fund, PO Box 98, Vienna, IL 62995.

Cemetery Details

Cedar Grove Cemetery

Buncombe, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 4. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Bailey Funeral Home
705 North First Street
PO Box 695
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baileyfhinc@hotmail.com
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Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Ruth Caraker*

January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM



“ *The directors of the Heather Treat Memorial thank you for your thoughtfulness of the Memorials. Ruth was a kind and wonderful woman. Sympathy to all her family..*

Robin Harper-Whitehead - August 07, 2012 at 10:50 AM



“ *Deborah Jane Ross-Wright lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Caraker*



Deborah Jane Ross-Wright - August 07, 2012 at 10:45 AM



“ *Virginia Jones lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Caraker*



Virginia Jones - August 07, 2012 at 02:52 AM

EB

“ I have alot of fond memories of "grandma" ruth! she was my neighbor growing up . i would go to her house everyday with her grand daughter heather and eat chicken noodle soup and her great canned pickles! and drunk gallons of kool aid! she was a great lady

Erin Botarf

Erin Botarf - August 05, 2012 at 11:48 AM

JM

“ Ruth was such a sweet lady. I have not seen her in years, but I will always treasure her friendship. I stayed at her house while my mom worked when I was a little boy. She was a great person. And to my childhood friend Jamie, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Jason and Lisa Meyer (Funeral Directors) Newton, IL

Jason Meyer - August 04, 2012 at 10:13 PM

MM

“ Ruth babysat my children when we lived in Vienna. We loved her!! She was always so kind and patient. She had a son my children called "brother." They were very fond of him. They always loved to go to Ruths when we needed her. My prayers are with the family. I know she will be greatly missed.

Mary Carie Marks

Mary Marks - August 04, 2012 at 01:26 PM

FK

“ *Floyd And Linda Koehler lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Caraker*



Floyd and Linda Koehler - August 04, 2012 at 08:14 AM

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JM

“ *John Morris lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Caraker*



John Morris - August 04, 2012 at 04:54 AM

JR

“ *Ruth, was a wonderful Lady. She was like a second mother to me when I was growing up. I spent many wonderful hrs. in her home , I also worked with her we had so many fun times . Ruth was so kind , She well be missed, but well always be in my heart. She has know gone home to be with our Father(no more pain). Thank you God for sharing her with us.*



Judy Ragain - August 03, 2012 at 09:12 PM

MS

“ *Mary Alice Bottom And Loisdene Smith lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Caraker*



Mary Alice Bottom and Loisdene Smith - August 03, 2012 at 05:49 PM

JH

“ *Jack And Jackie Harper lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Caraker*



Jack and Jackie Harper - August 03, 2012 at 10:53 AM

HV

“ *Harold Georgia Vinson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Caraker*



Harold Georgia Vinson - August 03, 2012 at 02:56 AM

JS

“ *Jessie Jean Simmond lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Caraker*



Jessie Jean Simmond - August 02, 2012 at 11:24 PM

DR

“ *Debbie Riddle lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Caraker*



Debbie Riddle - August 02, 2012 at 10:13 PM

SS

“ *Sally Verhines Stearns. lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Caraker*



sally verhines stearns. - August 02, 2012 at 08:08 PM

SS

A great lady and friend who I grew up around and had the of taking care of her for a while when she was ill I will miss her.

sally verhines stearns. - August 02, 2012 at 08:14 PM

WJ

“ *Wm/Alice Jeffords lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Caraker*



Wm/Alice Jeffords - August 02, 2012 at 12:20 AM

MD

“ *She was a wonderful lady and Mother. May Her family find themselves pulled into God's lap and have their hearts comforted.*

Mary Ellen (Casey) Davis - August 01, 2012 at 08:22 PM

AT

“ *Amanda Dawn Thorne lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Caraker*



Amanda dawn thorne - August 01, 2012 at 04:04 PM



“ *Paul Hunsaker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Caraker*



Paul Hunsaker - August 01, 2012 at 03:30 PM



A wonderful women. My prayers are with you.

Paul Hunsaker - August 01, 2012 at 03:32 PM

RF

“ *Rickey And Sandra Harner And Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Caraker*



rickey and sandra harner and family - August 01, 2012 at 10:43 AM

JR

“ *Jim & Diane Rainbolt lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Caraker*



Jim & Diane Rainbolt - August 01, 2012 at 10:08 AM