

Obituary

Born: Tuesday, August 22, 1916

Died: Saturday, May 11, 2019

Ruetta Lenora Swenson, 102, of Mankato, died Saturday, May 11, 2019, after a brief illness, at Mayo Clinic Health System-Mankato. Graveside services will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 18, 2019 at Woodland Hills Memorial Park in Mankato with Rev. Dr. Scott E. Olson officiating.

Ruetta was born August 22, 1916 in St. James MN to John Albin and Selma (Hultgren) Beck. She graduated from Mankato High School and received her two year teaching degree from Mankato Teachers College. Her first teaching position was in Judson MN. On June 24, 1939 she married Clair M. Swenson at Grace Lutheran Church in Mankato. They were blessed with four children. Later, she received her Bachelor's Degree and in 1967, her Master's Degree in Education from Mankato State College. She was a third grade teacher at Washington Elementary in Mankato until retiring in 1980. Ruetta was a member of Grace Lutheran Church for nearly 100 years. She was an excellent cook and baker, avid bridge player, loved to knit and crochet, and was a great hostess for her entire family.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Clair, and sons Larry and Jim.

She is survived by her son, Steve (Kathleen) Swenson of Auburn AL; daughter, Jolayne Swenson Almquist of San Antonio TX; 10 grandchildren; 16 great grandchildren; nieces and nephews. She was a friend to many and beloved by all.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Grace Lutheran Church, Mankato MN.

Ruetta's family wishes to thank the Brookdale staff for their kindness and care.

Service Summary

Graveside Service

1:30 PM Sat May 18, 2019

Woodland Hills Memorial Park

1605 Woodland Ave
MANKATO, MINNESOTA 56001