



Ruth Varness

May 27, 1919 - June 19, 2009

Ruth M. Varness, 90, of Kankakee, died Friday (June 19, 2009) at Riverside Medical Center. Visitation will be from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. today at the Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, west Kankakee, and from 10 a.m. Tuesday at St. Mark United Methodist Church, until the 11 a.m. services. The Rev. Kathy Sweet will officiate. Entombment will be in Kankakee Memorial Gardens, Aroma Township. Memorials may be made to St. Mark United Methodist Church, the Billy Graham Association, or to Hospice of Kankakee Valley. Mrs. Varness was a homemaker. She was born May 27, 1919, in Sheridan, the daughter of Eric and Florence Risk Hougested. She was a member of St. Mark United Methodist Church for more than 60 years, where she was very active, and a member of the Christian Women's Club. She was a volunteer at Riverside Medical Center and delivered Meals On Wheels. She enjoyed reading, cooking and was known for making pies. Surviving are her husband, Hiram Varness, whom she married Aug. 9, 1941, in Sheridan; two sons and daughters-in-law, Harvey and Nancy Varness of Chillicothe, Stanley and Nancy Varness of Peoria; one daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and Michael Wright of Bourbonnais; nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren; one brother and sister-in-law, the Rev. Wesley and Judy Hougested of Buffalo Grove; and several nieces and nephews. One infant brother, Earl, is deceased.

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“ *To the Varness Family: ĩ ħ ½ I didn't read the newspaper to learn of Ruth's passing until after the services. ĩ ħ ½ My thoughts and prayers go out to all of you in Ruth's passing. ĩ ħ ½ She was such a wonderful woman and I know how much she was loved by all. ĩ ħ ½ God Bless.##imported-begin##Mary Jane Cleeland##imported-end##*

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“ *Mr. Varness...

You are in my thoughts this evening...I did not know Ruth very long but it was my pleasure and and honor to consider her my friend...

May God bless...##imported-begin##Lynn C. Sheehan##imported-end##*

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“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you.

##imported-begin##Mary Carmain##imported-end##*

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“ My thoughts are with you Mr. Varness during these dark days...it was my pleasure to know Ruth even if for a few weeks...##imported-begin##NULL##imported-end##

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“ GOD IS GREAT--GOD IS GOOD!

I WAS LOOKING FOR nEIGHBOR, JOE GIANOTTI'S

OBIT, AND THERE WAS RUTH'S ABOVE HIS!

DEAR HI:

WHAT A BEAUT-

FUL, LONG LIFE TOGETHER

YOU HAVE HAD! cHERISH

EVERY MOMENT,

FOR THE MEMORIES ARE YOURS TO KEEP!

MY PRAYERS ANG GOD BE WITH YOU AT THIS HARD TIME.EVELYN A##imported-begin##Eveln C Anderson##imported-end##

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“ Mr.Varness I am so sorry to hear of Ruths passing she was a real nice lady. I hope you are doing well. Brett,Brandon and my self are so sorry for your loss. Thank you for letting my boys shovel your driveway the past few years. God Bless you and your family

##imported-begin##Darcy Drummer##imported-end##

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“ Barb and family,

 My thoughts and prayers are with you.
 I have such wonderful memories of your mom - her smile said it all.
 All those growing up years playing with you and being at your home - made such an impression on me.

 with fond memories,

 Andrea##imported-begin##Andrea Watson Lynch##imported-end##

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