



Ruby O'Neal

April 13, 1936 - November 26, 2023

Ruby O'Neal, 87, of Iowa Falls, passed away Sunday, November 26, 2023 at Grand JiVante in Ackley, under the care of St. Croix Hospice. Woodley Funeral Home and Crematory of Iowa Falls is caring for Rube and her family.

Ruby "Rube" C. O'Neal was born on April 13, 1936 in Iowa City, Iowa. Her birthparents were Richard Monroe Stevenson and Ruby Marcella Hatfield. Ruby was raised at the Annie Wittenmeyer Home in Davenport, Iowa from 10 days old to 4 years old. At age four she went to live with her foster parents, George and Neola McLaughlin until she was six. Rube was returned to Annie Wittenmeyer Home because her foster parents were moving out of the country and couldn't take Rube with them. She remained at the Annie Wittenmeyer Home until she was 16. Rube then moved to Cedar Rapids. In 1967 she moved to Iowa Falls, where she lived until 2022 when she moved to Grand JiVante in Ackley.

Rube enjoyed family get togethers, crocheting, crosswords and playing cards. She always had the best one-liners.

Rube loved her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren more than anything in the world. She always said she didn't have a family growing up and her children were all she had. They were her everything.

Ruby O'Neal is survived by her children, Billy (Andrea) O'Neal of Iowa Falls, Lorreca O'Neal (Dave) Rieck of Iowa Falls, Taphney O'Neal (Brad) Knott of Waterloo, Shawn O'Neal of Hampton, Brian (Dawn) Franks of Cedar Rapids and adopted son, David Brannick of Bradford; grandchildren: Shannon, Brandi, Bryan, LeAnna, Racheal, Misty, Alexis, Megan, Braxton and fifteen great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her biological parents; three sons, baby boy O'Neal, Boyd and Richard; sister, Iona and her foster parents, Neola and George McLaughlin.

The family would like to thank the staff of Grand Jivante and St. Croix Hospice.

“You can leave now, shut the door and turn the lights off “

A private family service will be held at a later date. Burial will be at Cedar Memorial Cemetery in Cedar Rapids. Memorials may be directed to: Lorreca Rieck 23235 130th St Iowa Falls, Iowa 50126.

Tribute Wall

PB

“ *Peggie Van Den Brink lit a candle in memory of Ruby O'Neal*



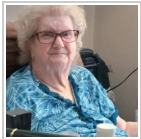
Peggie Van Den Brink - December 06, 2023 at 12:48 PM

LR

“ *Lorreca Rieck lit a candle in memory of Ruby O'Neal*



Lorreca Rieck - December 04, 2023 at 12:45 PM



“ *Shawn O'Neal lit a candle in memory of Ruby O'Neal*



Shawn O'Neal - December 04, 2023 at 12:38 PM

TK

“ *Taph Knott lit a candle in memory of Ruby O'Neal*



Taph Knott - December 04, 2023 at 12:11 PM

SE

“ *Sherri L Elsberry lit a candle in memory of Ruby O'Neal*



Sherri L Elsberry - November 29, 2023 at 10:00 PM

HC

“ *Ruby and I have known each other for about 50 years. We have had our ups and downs but I remember meeting Ruby for the first time and she had such a great sense of humor. She had a good sense of right and wrong and we laughed over many things in this world.*

She had her hands full being a single parent of 6 kids but she kept her sense of humor.

Sorry about your loss guys but you have tons of memories.

Helen Crosser

Helen Crosser - November 27, 2023 at 09:14 AM

JN

Ruby was like a second mom to me and always welcomed me into her home. She made raising 6 children look like it was easy! She was funny, caring, and a great mom! I know she is in heaven now with her children that passed before her. She is at peace. Love you Ruby!

Jyll Newell - November 27, 2023 at 12:15 PM