



## Ruth Ann Koerner

April 6, 1935 - November 2, 2024

Ruth “Roo” Ann Newland Koerner, 89, of Hampton, Iowa, passed away on November 2, 2024. A private family graveside service will be held at the Hampton Cemetery. Ruth's family will host a Celebration of Life and greet friends from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Saturday, November 9, 2024, at Faith Baptist Church in Hampton. Food will be provided in the Faith Café. Woodley Funeral Home and Crematory of Hampton is caring for Ruth and her family.

Ruth was born on April 6, 1935, in Fairfield, Iowa. She was the daughter of Charles and Dorothy Hull Newland and sister of Sonya Sullivan, Mary Jo Bergland, and Doris Jean Boos.

She graduated from Fairfield High School in 1953, then went on to the University of Iowa, earning a degree in Music Education in 1958.

On June 24, 1956, Ruth was united in marriage to W. David "Dave" Koerner in Batavia, IA. They moved to Hampton in 1957 and were married for 47 years before Dave passed in 2004. Together they had three children: Seth, Phil, and Ann (Frandsen). While in Hampton, Ruth worked at the Koerner-Whipple pharmacy aiding Dave.

Ruth loved giving back to her community and making those around her feel special. She volunteered regularly in schools both in Hampton and in

Arkansas. She loved to gift sewing and cross-stitching projects, like personalized Christmas stockings (even for pets!), Advent Calendars, homemade cards, and bookmarks. Ruth always said, “everyone has a story”, and she would ask the best questions in conversation with you. She would even do her own research to come back with even better questions the next time. She was an avid Scrabble player, and she loved being behind the camera. Everyone that knew her loved her.

Some of her family’s favorite memories of Roo include:

- “Even when we were far away while growing up, we always got to celebrate ‘with’ her by means of her handmade Christmas stockings.” – granddaughter Becca
- “I’ll always remember our catch ups after a day of work, where we’d enjoy pretzels, cheese, and a glass of wine.” – daughter Ann
- “Her laughter made me feel like I was special, and that I was always appreciated. Her laughter and sense of humor will always stay with me.” – granddaughter Nicole
- “Everything that was graced by Roo was magic, like the ‘Flutterby’ nets she decorated for our enjoyment or a room’s energy because of her genuine joy and spirit.” – granddaughter Brenna
- “The Christmas season in the Koerner household was a wonderful pot-Poruri of smells. My favorite being mom’s yummy homemade Peanut Brittle.” – son Seth
- “I quite enjoyed morning conversation and puzzles over coffee with Roo while I lived with her.” – grandson Garrett
- “For my senior football banquet, Mom went over to the superintendent and insisted she be invited. She knew I was going to get some awards and wanted to be there.” – son Phil
- “She had wonderful energy and a beautiful smile.” – grandson Isaac
- “She was never distracted when she was in your company. She was very intentional with her time with you.” – granddaughter Kristen

Ruth attended Faith Baptist Church with Dave for many years in Hampton and First Baptist Church while living in Arkansas. Ruth prioritized her faith and thanked God every day for blessings from the previous day.

Family remaining to cherish Ruth's memory are children, Seth, Phil, and Ann, and grandchildren, Isaac, Becca, Garrett, Kristen, Brenna, and Nicole.

Preceding Ruth in death are her husband, Dave; parents, Charles and Dorothy; and sisters, Sonya, Mary Jo, and Doris.

In lieu of flowers, Roo would appreciate you bestowing an act of kindness upon another.

# Cemetery Details

## Hampton Cemetery

Hampton, IA

# Previous Events

## Celebration Of Life

NOV 9. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Faith Baptist Church  
1701 Central Ave E.  
Hampton, IA 50441

*Food will be provided in the Faith Café.*

# Tribute Wall

CC

“ *Ruth was a member of our women on mission at Cabot FBC. Her Enthusiastic contributions on whatever Project we were doing was contagious.*

*We are all sad and grieve with you. We know that God is with the brokenhearted and will give you peace.*

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**CarolAnn Bush— Women on mission FBC Cabo** - November 16, 2024 at 04:36 PM

EH

“ *I remember all the good memories of Ruth directing the choir at the UMC in Hampton when I was the organist during the mid and late 1960's. She was such an inspiration to all of us and challenged us to do our very best. Every Sunday morning, she would stick a little personal note into each of our music folders. We would look forward to that note and appreciated the fact that she took the time to write down those words to us. Blessings to all the family. Evelyn Miller Hetzler*

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**Evelyn Miller Hetzler** - November 12, 2024 at 01:40 PM

SH

“ *I cherish all the memories of working with Ruth in my beginning years of church music as organist at the UMC in the early 70s. I fondly recall many of the adult choir's favorite anthems, as well as my own, and how Ruth always challenged and worked us hard but we also had fun together. She was a compassionate person, and her smile and laugh were contagious. Blessings to all her family. Susan Miller Herman*

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**Susan Herman** - November 09, 2024 at 03:28 PM

AF

“ Karen and I had a running monthly bridge game and music listening session with Ruth and Dave. We really miss those times with dear friends.

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**Alan Ferris** - November 09, 2024 at 03:03 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Ruth Ann Koerner.



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November 08, 2024 at 03:20 PM

MC

“ Ruth was very sweet and talented. Always remembered birthdays with a special gift. My thoughts & prayers with her family.  
Marilyn Cole  
First Baptist Church  
Cabot, AR

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**Marilyn Cole** - November 08, 2024 at 01:01 PM

PS

“ Ruth befriended a first year instrumental music teacher and through her excellent outstanding vocal directing at the Methodist Church she always gifted each member of chorus with little box of chocolates on their birthday I dont know how she kept track because Ann, Phil and Seth kept her quite busy especially when the boys were made to attend choir practice for naughty behavior Lots of overseas phone calls ,many funny moments Ruth and I had various names for our organizations and she called Arkansas Arkansauce and the restored grandpiano that fell out of the U-Haul they always took their family to Bechtels little room in the restaurant after church to let the kids experience public dining without interrupting other meals I loved Ruth she was a bright light to our family Bless you all she loved her family so so much Pam Schwieger

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**Pam Schwieger** - November 08, 2024 at 08:32 AM

KF

“ A wonderful hostess in her home and in this world. Ruth's smile and accompanying eye sparkle were always welcomed and welcoming.

-Kyle Ferris

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**Kyle Ferris** - November 06, 2024 at 03:07 PM

SA

“ Looking forward to seeing Ruth in Heaven. Nothing but wonderful memories.

❤️ Pastor Steve and Sharon

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**Stephen Anderson** - November 04, 2024 at 02:49 PM

JH

“ I worked at Koerner's store for a couple of years in high school, they were friends of my mom and dads and went to our church. She was a compassionate person and so lovely to work for. The last time I saw her was in Vienna, I can't remember the year, we met at St Stevens and did a quick tour of the first district and then sat down together at a restaurant and talked about many things, but mostly about Hampton and all the fun years we had together. She and Dave hold a very special place in my heart. All the best to the familyX



**Jody Wosepka Hekela** - November 03, 2024 at 04:54 AM

MB

*My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. We go way back as starting business close to the same time. We were in the hospital at the time Seth and Jeff were born. So many memories.*

**mary barnes** - November 03, 2024 at 09:40 AM

PC

*I was a neighbor, babysitter and drug store employee for Ruth and Dave. They were always such classy people. They always treated me like an older daughter . They honored me with so many things, even singing in the choir as Ruth directed & Dave sang too. I'm happy they rest in Heaven together.Blessings*

**Pam Stewart Coburn** - November 07, 2024 at 09:47 PM

JF

*Ruth was a smart, interesting conversationalist. We visited several times during her attendance at FBC cabot. Remember her discussing being a pilot. Wonderful Christian with a life of Service And faith.*

**Jack French** - November 08, 2024 at 06:51 PM

MS

*Ruth was a big personality that I always loved seeing. She took the time to say hello, listen, and engage. A very special person and I mourn her passing. I am a better person for having known her.*

**Michael Scalise** - November 10, 2024 at 09:18 PM

HC

*“ I have known Ruth since Bridge Club in the 1960's and always thought her such a lovely, talented lady. My sympathy to Ann, Seth, Philip and all of her family. Helen Christensen.*



**Helen Christensen** - November 02, 2024 at 11:03 PM

ES

*“ Ed And Laura Schroeder lit a candle in memory of Ruth Ann Koerner*



**Ed and Laura Schroeder** - November 02, 2024 at 06:03 PM

DC

*“ You have my sympathy. I enjoyed singing in chorale with Ruth and seeing her at the pharmacy.*

**Diane Card** - November 02, 2024 at 05:54 PM

CB

*Ruth was part of our Women on Missions at Cabot FBC for a few years. Her contagious enthusiasm was infectious as she enthusiastically contributed to our project at hand.*

*Our hearts break for you all BUT thoughts of that wonderful friend we loved bring such precious memories and assurance that her future is secure.*

*What a treasure you all have been blessed with— and we, too—to have known her.*

*We pray that God will give you comfort and peace that surpasses all understanding. We all are praying for each of you in your grief and know that Jesus will fulfill his promise and be ".....close to the brokenhearted and rescue those whose spirits are crushed"*

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**CarolAnn Bush** - November 15, 2024 at 09:05 PM