



Ruth Otto

August 5, 1918 - August 10, 2007

Ruth Lillian Otto, 89, Mandan, died August 10, 2007, at Medcenter One in Bismarck. Funeral services will be held on Tuesday at 10:30 AM at First Evangelical Free Church in Bismarck with Rev. Terry Kern officiating. Burial will be held at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be Monday from 2:00 - 9:00 PM at Eastgate Funeral Service in Bismarck and will continue Tuesday one hour prior to the service at the church. Ruth was born on August 5, 1918, south of Elgin, ND, the daughter of Christ and Sophia Kranick Hillius. She was raised and attended school south of Elgin. On June 2, 1941, Ruth married Edward Otto in the pastor's house in Elgin. They farmed in the area until moving to Mandan, ND, in 1958. They lived in Bismarck from 1961 until moving to Minneapolis, MN, in 1970. In 1974, they moved to Coon Rapids, MN, and made their final move back to Mandan in 1976. Ruth was a member of First Evangelical Free Church in Bismarck and was a past Women's Ministry member. She had a deep personal relationship with her Lord Jesus Christ. She once said, "Add the Lord to a family, that's when things go right." Ruth laughed easily and her light treatment of life aspired a gentleness in her nature. She enjoyed sewing, craftwork, and crocheting. Her love of yard work and gardening was evident in the many flowers, plants, and decorations which could be found around her home. She enjoyed singing, and most of all, loved traveling to see her children and their families. She was dearly loved and will be missed by her family and many friends. She is survived by her daughter, Marli Anderson of Bismarck; her sons and daughter-in-law, Delbert Otto of

Brooklyn Park, MN, Donald Otto and Verlyn Otto, both of East Bethel, MN, and Harvey and Leva Otto of Mandan; her grandchildren, Marlyn Mary Anderson, Kevin Sandi Anderson, Jack Huff, Danette Dave Williamson, DeLaine Gerry Mick, Tim Smith, Michelle Summers, Michael Williams, Blake Jill Erickson, and Lisa Jerry Rytter; and her great-grandchildren, Amber, Barry, Dustin, Dalton, Derek, Issaia, Keanu, April, Jonathan, TiAnna, Bryson, Tristan, and Jaelynn. Ruth was preceded in death by her husband, Edward; her parents; her daughter, Lillian Olson; her son-in-law, Charles Anderson; her daughter-in-law, Carol Otto; her granddaughter, Renee Ridgeway; five brothers, Daniel, Christ, Henry, Otto, and Arthur Hillius; two baby brothers, Daniel and Oscar Hillius; and four sisters, Albertina Hillius, Olga Fried, Ida Bachmann, and Esther Hammond.

Tribute Wall

EL

“ Aunt Ruth you and I have things in common our love for dogs and flowers.. I am lost without a dog. I also remember the beautiful flowers you had in your front yard. I also love house plant. My very dear Aunt Ruth.

Evon Hillius Latuseck - January 10, 2025 at 11:47 PM

SG

“ I WAS SO HAPPY TO SEE AUNT RUTH A YEAR AGO, AFTER NOT SEEING HER FOR MANY YEARS, I NEVER FORGOT HER WARM SMILE, HER EXTREMELY PLEASANT PERSONALITY, THERE IS A GREAT LOSS NOW THAT SHE HAS TRULY GONE TO HEAVEN, I WILL NEVER FORGET HER.

SANDI OTTO GARBUTT - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ Grandma, we will miss you so much. Your wisdom and love were our treasures. Your great-grand-daughter is fine with your leaving.. once we explained that she will see you again in heaven.

Marlin Anderson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ To The Family of Mrs. Ottol would like to express my deepest sympathy to each of you during this difficult time. May the God of all Comfort continues to comfort you. He promises that the day is soon to come in which he will wipe away the tears of sorrow from our eyes forever. Revelation 21:3-5

Annette Pegues - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ Most of the time you can't choose who your neighbors are going to be but I was blessed by having Ruth for my neighbor. She loved to visit and she loved walking her two dogs around the block. One of my neighbors doesn't like my cats and I told Ruth about it-her philosophy was this: If your cats come in my yard or my dogs go in your yard, who cares? That's what neighbors are all about! She had a wonderful smile and had a way of making you feel like you were special. Heaven is going to be a much better place with her there.

Margo - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ I always remember Ruth as smiling and having something nice to say. She was an exuberant, caring woman. She is blessed to be in the presence of her Lord now for all eternity. Thank you, Lord, for her life and love that she shared here on earth. May the comfort and peace of the Holy Spirit be with your entire family in the days ahead as you grieve the loss of your loved one. You are in my prayers!

Perry and Lois Miller - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GV

“ My deepest sympathy to the family of Ruth Otto. I remember going to their house a few times with my sister Bernadine and her husband Oscar Hillius. She was a very nice lady. God Bless you all.
Georgene Toman Volk

Georgene Toman Volk - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM