



## Phyllis Rukes

September 25, 1935 - December 11, 2022

Phyllis Rukes, 87, of Spencer passed away on Sunday, December 11, 2022, at Accura Healthcare Center in Spirit Lake.

A private family service will be held at the Robinson Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. Burial will be held in the Lake View Gardens Cemetery in Spirit Lake.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Robinson Funeral Home, formerly the Schuchert-Lentz Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. Online condolences may be left at [www.spiritlakefuneralhome.com](http://www.spiritlakefuneralhome.com)

Phyllis, was the sixth child of Phillip and Lena (Toft) Woodall, was born September 25, 1935, on the family farm southwest of Royal, Iowa. She was raised in the Royal area where she attended country school and in 1953 graduated from Royal High School. She then attended Iowa State Teachers College (UNI) where she graduated in 1955. She taught school in Perry and Ft. Dodge, Iowa.

She married Duane Rukes; to this union five daughters were born, Valerie Jo, Pamela Sue, Teresa Renee, Dawn Ellen and Rosalind Gigi. She is preceded in death by her parents, siblings and great grandson Liam Myers.

Phyllis is survived by five daughters, Valerie Koster and husband Don, Pamela Myers and husband Colby, Teresa Rukes, Dawn Kram and husband Paul, Rosalind Gigi Rukes, ten grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren.

# Cemetery Details

**Lake View Gardens Cemetery**

Spirit Lake, IA

# Tribute Wall

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ROZZIE - December 30, 2022 at 09:54 AM

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ROZZIE - December 22, 2022 at 02:38 PM

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ROZZIE - December 20, 2022 at 12:45 PM

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**ROZZIE** - December 18, 2022 at 07:11 PM

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**ROZZIE** - December 18, 2022 at 06:58 PM

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**ROZZIE** - December 18, 2022 at 06:40 PM

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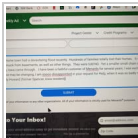
ROZZIE - December 18, 2022 at 02:02 PM

CT

“ To all of the family of Phyllis Rukes: Sending our Sympathy on your loss. I remember Phyllis and the Woodall Family as I grew up on a farm south of Royal. Back then almost all of us spent a lot of time roller skating even if I was 4 yrs younger. My brother David Christensen (deceased) was a classmate of Phyllis. May God have his arms around all of you at this sad time.



Chuck and Donna (Christensen) Tielbur - December 15, 2022 at 11:57 AM



“ So sorry to hear of your mothers passing. She was such a pleasant lady, always had a smile and a friendly "Hello". Met many years ago, in the roller rink days. She loved you girls with all her heart, and was proud of all of you. Sending my love! Patty (Rickman) Howard

Patty Howard - December 15, 2022 at 09:57 AM

FS

“ From Program Finance, BAE Systems purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Phyllis Rukes.



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**From Program Finance, BAE Systems** - December 13, 2022 at 03:34 PM

KB

“ We want to extend our deepest sympathy to you girls, we enjoyed your mom so much. Our memories are from roller skating, your mom always had her warm, lovely, welcoming smile. She was a trouper and loved you girls, you were her world. God be with you ladies and your families, we will let Janet know. Kenny and Evy Billings



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**Kenny & Evy Billings** - December 13, 2022 at 01:27 PM

CW

“ Cathy And Denny Worden lit a candle in memory of Phyllis Rukes



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**Cathy and Denny Worden** - December 12, 2022 at 01:51 PM

KK

“ Karen Krieget lit a candle in memory of Phyllis Rukes



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**Karen Krieget** - December 12, 2022 at 12:02 PM

SB

“ *My favorite memory is Phyllis's lovely smile. She always made me feel special and loved.* ”

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**Sue Beck** - December 12, 2022 at 11:54 AM

MD

“ *Michele Dyhrkopp-Shortley lit a candle in memory of Phyllis Rukes* ”



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**Michele Dyhrkopp-Shortley** - December 11, 2022 at 08:14 PM