



## Ruthann Lukes

March 9, 1939 - August 11, 2020

Ruthann Lukes, 81, of Spirit Lake passed away on Tuesday, August 11, 2020 at her home in Spirit Lake. A graveside service will be held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, August 15, 2020 at Lakeview Gardens Cemetery in Spirit Lake. Arrangements are under the direction of the Schuchert-Lentz Funeral Home in Spirit Lake.

Ruthann was born on March 9, 1939 in Barrington, IL to Frank and Dorothy (Schwemm) Willard. She graduated from Barrington Highschool. Ruthann was united in marriage to James A. Lukes on August 9, 1959 in a candlelight ceremony at the Barrington United Methodist Church in Barrington, IL. He preceded her in death on March 7, 2008 in Sioux Falls, SD. In 1973, they moved their family from Rolling Meadows, IL to Spirit Lake to enjoy the Iowa Great Lakes and all it had to offer. Ruthann enjoyed spending her days raising her 2 children and tending to their home.

Ruthann enjoyed being a mother and grandmother. She also enjoyed going to auctions and antiquing where she enjoyed finding treasures and other collectables to bring home. She also enjoyed reading, tending to her flowers, and fishing with Jim in their younger years. Most recently, Ruthann spent many hours the last few years on the phone with her pen pal Marianne and her high school classmate Marlene talking, reminiscing and just lending an ear.

She is survived by her son Jeff (Angela) Lukes of Spirit Lake, step grandchildren Jefferey (Laura) and Amy Ondler; daughter Denise Tuinstra of Lake Park, grandchildren Hayley, Kortney (Kevin) and Dylan, great grandchild Kase Winters and her niece Mary Ruth Hammond of Fox River Grove, IL. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Jim, and great grandchildren Hope Catherine and Harper Rose.

# Cemetery Details

## Lake View Gardens Cemetery

Spirit Lake, IA

# Previous Events

## Service

AUG **15**. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Lake View Gardens Cemetery  
Spirit Lake, IA

# Tribute Wall

CW

“ *CONNIE WYMER lit a candle in memory of Ruthann Lukes*



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**CONNIE WYMER** - August 31, 2020 at 08:21 AM

CW

“ *Connie & Bill Wymer lit a candle in memory of Ruthann Lukes*



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**Connie & Bill Wymer** - August 14, 2020 at 08:16 AM

KK

“ *Kent& Jo Kastrup lit a candle in memory of Ruthann Lukes*



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**Kent& Jo Kastrup** - August 13, 2020 at 03:38 PM

MT

“ *Marcia Taylor lit a candle in memory of Ruthann Lukes*



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**Marcia Taylor** - August 12, 2020 at 08:38 PM

LH

“ Dear Tuinstra Family-I am sorry to hear about the loss of your mother and grandmother. I have only the fondest memories of your family during my days in Lake Park.



Laura Hanna - August 12, 2020 at 12:44 PM

GB

“ Greg & Dee Baloun lit a candle in memory of Ruthann Lukes



Greg & Dee Baloun - August 12, 2020 at 11:48 AM

PH

“ Paula Hagedorn lit a candle in memory of Ruthann Lukes



Paula Hagedorn - August 12, 2020 at 11:36 AM

RO

“ So sorry for your loss.

Rex & Sue Ondler



Rex Ondler - August 12, 2020 at 09:51 AM

KA

“ *Kurt & Bonnie Anderson lit a candle in memory of Ruthann Lukes*



**Kurt & Bonnie Anderson** - August 11, 2020 at 05:33 PM

DK

“ *Doug & Sally Kness lit a candle in memory of Ruthann Lukes*



**Doug & Sally Kness** - August 11, 2020 at 04:14 PM

SM

“ *Dear family of Ruthann,  
We pray for God's comfort with her passing. We enjoyed having Ruthann as our neighbor. She told us great stories of the years living on their property and sharing it with nature. The deer laying in the front yard during the day, "as if they owned the place!" The time her husband adopted a racoon! And the phone call alerting us to a doe giving birth to three fawns in our adjoining backyards! We will miss her.  
Rick and Sharon Miles*



**Sharon Miles** - August 11, 2020 at 04:03 PM

JP

“ *Judy Peddycoart lit a candle in memory of Ruthann Lukes*



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**Judy Peddycoart** - August 11, 2020 at 01:34 PM

MA

“ *Maryinbody lit a candle in memory of Ruthann Lukes*



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**maryinbody** - August 11, 2020 at 01:03 PM

EI

“ *Esther And Jerry Irlbeck lit a candle in memory of Ruthann Lukes*



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**Esther and Jerry Irlbeck** - August 11, 2020 at 10:15 AM

EI

*Denise and Jeff. Thinking of you and your family. We will miss Ruthann as our neighbor.*

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**Esther and Jerry Irlbeck** - August 11, 2020 at 10:19 AM

JD

“ *James K Dorschner lit a candle in memory of Ruthann Lukes*



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**James K Dorschner** - August 11, 2020 at 09:18 AM

DB

“ *I am so sorry to hear about Ruthann. My sympathy to your family at this difficult time.*



*Dayle Brooks*

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**Dayle Brooks** - August 11, 2020 at 08:55 AM