



## Ruth Louise Anderson

October 14, 1935 - May 26, 2022

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Funeral Service Link for Ruth Anderson.

Ruth Louise Anderson, 86, of Richland Center died Thursday, May 26, 2022, outside her home from an automobile accident. She was born on October 14, 1935 at the Richland Hospital the daughter of Philip and Margaret (Flamme) Winslow.

Ruth graduated from Ithaca High School in 1953 and attended Methodist School of Nursing from 1953-1956. She married Neal W. Anderson on March 9, 1956 at Willow Valley United Methodist Church. Ruth was a devoted farmwife, mother, grandmother and friend. Ruth's professional career as a registered nurse spanned for 47 years. The generations of babies she helped bring into the world is endless. She was a long-time committed member of Willow Valley UM Church. She was an Ithaca Medical First Responders. A member of the Partners of TRH for several years. Ruth and Neal managed the Beef Producers Wagon and helped make it the success it is today. Ruth leaves an endless garden of flowers for friends and family to enjoy. She is known well by her community for her Fantastic Banana Bread and Poppy Seed Cake.

Survivors include her husband, Neal Anderson of Richland Center, WI; 5 children, Kevin (Lynn) Anderson of Fairchild, WI, Sharyn (Barry) Borchert of Reedsburg, WI, Susan (Jay) Scheuer of Rowley, MA, Mary Jo (Dave) Kussmaul of Bloomington, WI, Kenny (Carolyn) Anderson of Richland Center; 13 grandchildren, Dana (Kyle) Falk, Dominic (Lori) Rott, Amanda (Chris) Running, Brandon (Amanda) Anderson, Travis Borchert (Ellie), Tyson (fiancé Lindsay) Borchert, Alex Scheuer, Walter Scheuer (Claudia), Brittany (Brandon) Martin, Abigail Stafford (Shai), Cassandra Anderson (Brandon), Morgan and Logan Anderson; 11 great grandchildren; a sister, Alice Richards; 2 brothers-in-law, Tom Williams, Jim Connors; sister-in-law, Eva Lou Anner; other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; daughter, Diana Rott – 1999; 3 sisters, Charlotte Williams, Mary Connors, Carol Amelong; mother-in-law, Gladys "Ma" Anderson.

A celebration of Ruth's life will be held on Thursday, June 2, 2022 at 6:00 PM at Clary Memorial Funeral Home in Richland Center with a Florence Nightingale Tribute beginning at 6:00 PM. Pastors Rob Richards and Tammy Clausen will officiate with burial in the Willow Valley Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Thursday, June 2, 2022 at Clary Memorial Funeral Home from 2:00 PM until the time of services at 6:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made for a scholarship for an Ithaca Nursing School Scholarship or Willow Valley U.M. Church. [www.clarymemorialfuneralhome.com](http://www.clarymemorialfuneralhome.com)

She Was There by Duane Jaeger,

When a calming, quiet presence was all that was needed, She was there.

In the excitement and miracle of birth or in the mystery and loss of life, She was there.

When a silent glance could uplift a patient, family member or friend, She was there.

At those times when the unexplainable needed to be explained, She was there.

When the situation demanded a swift foot and sharp mind, She was there.

When a gentle touch, a firm push, or an encouraging word was needed, She was there.

In choosing the best one from a family's "Thank You" box of chocolates, She was there.

To witness humanity — its beauty, in good times and bad, without judgment, She was there.

To embrace the woes of the world, willingly, and offer hope, She was there.

And now, that it is time to be at the Greater One's side, She is there!

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# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 2. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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## Florence Nightingale Tribute

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## Celebration of Life

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Kristine Wentland sent a virtual gift in memory of Ruth Louise Anderson*



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**Kristine Wentland** - June 10 at 01:52 AM

JJ

“ *I remember Ruth and the Anderson family from my childhood. She was such an icon in Willow Valley, Ithaca Township, Richland County, and beyond. She was blessed with many talents, which she shared generously with the community. Sincere condolences to all of her family and friends. Her memory is indeed a blessing.*

*Judith Johnson (Ithaca High School, 1974)*

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**Judith Johnson** - June 05 at 07:46 PM

SF

“ *It's been said soooo-oooo many times what an angel Ruth was. Her caring for her family, neighbors, friends and community was 'Over The Top'. I'm hearing this and many more stories from Larry and his days of being with and working with the Anderson family...(something even came up about a mini-bike and Kenny!! and milking cows with Susan - apparently there MANY great memories were made at Andersons and Mannings!!)She definitely made an impact on lots of people. We send our thoughts and prayers to all of the familiy. Hugs to you.*

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**Shelley & Larry Ferguson** - June 03 at 05:00 PM

LK

“ *My sincere sympathy to Ruth's family. I first met Ruth when I was in grade school. I was invited to a slumber party at her house, invited by Jane Connors. She was a caring and loving person. She will be missed, but left so many great memories. I, too, was jealous of her beautiful garden and flowers, how could she keep up with it and all the other activities that she volunteered her services. Rest in peace, Ruth.*

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**Linda Kleppe** - June 03 at 02:54 PM

DM

“ Ruth was our nurse when our oldest son was born in the hospital. She was up late talking with us and her calm presence made us feel so at ease. Every time she saw my son, she would remind him that she remembered when he was born. Ruth also made people feel welcome at church, and she took charge of signing kind messages on cards and handing out homemade banana bread and coming up and giving a warm welcome to anyone who was new or she hadn't seen in a while. She was a lovely and generous person. We need more kindness like hers in the world. Dawn, Darrick, Jonah, & Caleb Marchwick  
Our thoughts and prayers and love remain with Neil and all of Ruth's lovely family.

Dawn Marchwick - June 02 at 08:18 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Ruth Louise Anderson.



June 02 at 05:39 PM

TS

“ My sympathy to all the family and friends of Ruth. She was a very kind and caring person and will be missed by many. After graduation from Ithaca, I moved from the area to attend college, but I do have fond memories of attending the Ithaca homecoming where I saw Ruth. On those occasions she was always pleasant to visit with and always had an interest in how life was going for me. My prayers go out to Neil and the family. Tom Sippy

Tom Sippy - June 02 at 04:49 PM

PF

“ Ruth was such a wonderful lady. My kids still talk about how nice Ruth was riding the bus to and from track, volleyball, football and other activities at Ithaca. I always loved driving by the house and being jealous of Ruth's garden. Our thoughts and prayers are with Neal and the family. Such a loss for the Community - she will be greatly missed.

Pat and Helen Magee and family - June 02 at 03:30 PM

CF

“ My heart is with you all today!❤️☐ Your mom shared so much love and joy with everyone she met. She was a bright light and most certainly an Angel on Earth. I am certain she will continue to shine brightly in Heaven and share her love without boundaries across the World. Thanks for posting all the amazing pictures. With Love and Condolences, Cathi Cannon Foster



Cathi Cannon Foster - June 02 at 11:23 AM

PP

“ What a wonderful woman. What a wonderful life. What memories you will have. We share in your great sorrow with this very tragic loss. She was the consummate healthcare provider, family woman, community servant and will be missed terribly. We are sorry we won't be able to attend the visitation, but want you to know you are in our thoughts. Take care of yourselves ... and one another.

Philomena & John Poole - June 02 at 10:10 AM

SW

What a sweetheart of a woman Ruth was so sorry she had to die suddenly and she will certainly be missed!

Sara Williamson - June 02 at 08:12 PM

PP

“ The Andersons were one of the families that 'adopted' me when I came to teach at Ithaca - my first teaching job. Between Ruth and Alice Richards, I always had a place to have dinner or join a celebration. When my son Derek was born, Ruth was one of the nurses that stopped in to greet him. I have many good memories of Ruth and my 'extended family'.  
-Peter Putz

PETER L PUTZ - June 02 at 09:49 AM

BK

“ Brian and Marilyn Kerr purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Ruth Louise Anderson.



Brian and Marilyn Kerr - June 01 at 01:03 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ruth Louise Anderson.



June 01 at 12:49 PM



“ TRH Nursing Team purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Ruth Louise Anderson.



TRH Nursing Team - June 01 at 11:16 AM



“ 259 files added to the album Life Tributes



Clary Memorial Funeral Home - June 01 at 10:55 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ruth Louise Anderson.



June 01 at 09:54 AM

MY

“ In 2001-2002, I stayed at her place as an exchange student, and she'd been my mom in the US since then. She gave me a sense of security and comfort because I knew there's someone in this world (more than 6,000 miles away from Tokyo!) who loves me unconditionally. We'd been exchanging gifts every Christmas and some other occasions, and we have so many items with her memory at our place in Tokyo, such as many cushions and towels embroidered by her, pictures of Anderson family, and lots of cards full of messages from her.

*I've been feeling like I have a big hole in my heart since the day I got this tragic news, but at the same time, I am so thankful and honored to be able to love her and her family.*

*Mari Matsumoto Yoshida from Tokyo, Japan*

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**Mari Matsumoto Yoshida** - June 01 at 08:13 AM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Ruth Louise Anderson.



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June 01 at 05:33 AM

TC

“ My sympathies to the family and friends of Ruth. She was a special person with a gift of always making you feel calm and loved. She will be missed by family, friends and community.

*Teresa Carlson (Schulze)*



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**teresa carlson** - May 31 at 07:02 PM

BF

“ Brad and family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Ruth Louise Anderson.



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**Brad and family** - May 31 at 06:48 PM

LF

“ Love, your Widen/Acquia family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ruth Louise Anderson.



Love, your Widen/Acquia family - May 31 at 03:01 PM

FM

“ Fuzz & Nancy McCauley lit a candle in memory of Ruth Louise Anderson



Fuzz & Nancy McCauley - May 31 at 12:56 PM

FM

We are so sorry for you loss. Ruth was such a kind & loving woman. She will be missed by many.

Fuzz & Nancy McCauley - May 31 at 12:58 PM

HC

“ I worked with Ruth many years at the Richland Hospital. She was always so kind to everyone, and was a very caring person. No one knows what is in God's plan All we can do is take it on faith and trust we will see her again. Cherish the happy times you had. I have a feeling she is taking care of those students and teachers who lost their lives last week too so tragically. She will be missed by all. Hattie Crook

Hattie Crook - May 31 at 12:44 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Ruth Louise Anderson.



May 31 at 11:33 AM

KA

“ Kelly Jo Trush Anderson sent a virtual gift in memory of Ruth Louise Anderson



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**Kelly Jo Trush Anderson** - May 31 at 07:59 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Ruth Louise Anderson.



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May 30 at 08:47 PM

DB

“ So many years of memories working with Ruth at the hospital, and seeing her so often after she retired,, We knew her laughter, her faith, her sense of joy, and know she shared with so many others that sense of belief and hope and faith and trust that she shared with us.



We send our condolences to all of you, her large family, knowing that you each in your unique way, will always carry that spark in your eye that was gifted to you by her.

Despite this tragic event that is a shock to all, we know that she, as well as you her family will all be united later, and for this side of life you will in time, be comforted and blessed by so many treasured memories.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Tim and Deb Burns

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**Deb & Tim Burns** - May 30 at 08:08 PM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Ruth Louise Anderson.



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May 30 at 12:15 PM

JF

“ Julie Fish lit a candle in memory of Ruth Louise Anderson



julie fish - May 30 at 12:05 PM

JF

WHEN I WAS A BABY RUTH HELPED MY MOM ND ME WHEN I HAD MY BABIES AND WHEN MY MOM HAD ME RUTH WAS A WOUNDERFUL LADY AND NURSE SHE WILL BE MISSED DEARLY

julie fish - May 30 at 12:09 PM



“ Ruth was my mom's cousin. Every year we would go to Richand Center for Thanksgiving and deer hunting. I remember Neil and my father all in orange standing in the driveway with deer hanging in the trees. I can still hear Ruth (she had such a distinctive voice) calling us in for supper.

One year we were there in the summer and of course we had to go swimming. So, Ruth took all of us kids (and there were a lot of us) to a creek to splash around. I was 10 and Ruth was 8 months pregnant with her youngest, Kenny. I wandered off and stepped into a drop off with a current. I was flailing my arms but sinking fast. Ruth saw me disappear, she took off running, jumped in, grabbed me by the neck and pulled me to safety. I know that I would have drowned that day if not for Ruth's quick thinking and courage. It takes a special kind of woman to do that, 8 months into pregnancy! But that was Ruth. God worked miracles thru her and she touched so many lives for the better. Even thou her time in my life was very brief during my childhood I was always be thankful she was there.

Teri Oakes

Teri Oakes - May 30 at 09:17 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ruth Louise Anderson.



May 30 at 08:23 AM

JJ

“ Prayers's & Strength to the Anderson family.....



James B Joy - May 30 at 03:15 AM

CR

“ Ruth was there when all 3 of my boys were born. Whenever I saw her she always asked how they were. She is a wonderful person and will be missed.

cathy Rooney - May 29 at 10:17 PM

CM

“ so sorry to hear about Ruth she was a very nice lady she helped deliver both of my children , sorry for your loss.



chuck markin - May 29 at 06:50 PM

LM

“ I,s so sorry to hear this she was a great lady. She helped deliver 3 of my children. My condolence to the Anderson family.



linda markin - May 29 at 06:20 PM



“ May all the angels and saints come to greet Ruth. Ruth is an example of a women who always kept on keeping on. Prayers for peace and healing to all the family.



Maria Casper - May 29 at 09:02 AM

DS

“ Ruth was one of my classmates at Methodist Hospital School of Nursing over 60 years ago and a dear friend since then. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her. Dorothy Schroeder

Dorothy L Schroeder - May 29 at 07:46 AM

MJ

“ Mari Matsumoto Yoshida from Tokyo, Japan purchased the Care and Compassion Spray for the family of Ruth Louise Anderson.



Mari Matsumoto Yoshida from Tokyo, Japan - May 29 at 03:32 AM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Ruth Louise Anderson.



May 28 at 11:22 PM

KR

“ Kevin & Lisa Roessler lit a candle in memory of Ruth Louise Anderson



Kevin & Lisa Roessler - May 28 at 05:29 PM

RH

“ Renee Hayes lit a candle in memory of Ruth Louise Anderson



Renee Hayes - May 28 at 02:29 PM

RH

*To all of Ruth's Family my thoughts and prayers are with you. I loved working with her in OB she taught me so much ❤️ She was always so kind and would take time to listen.*

Renee Hayes - May 28 at 02:32 PM

JG

*Ruth, a mentor, a person who gave herself to others and especially in service to God and community. It is an honor to have her friendship. Jane Greiling*

Jane Greiling - May 29 at 08:20 PM

KP

“*Kristen Pekish lit a candle in memory of Ruth Louise Anderson*



Kristen Pekish - May 28 at 02:23 PM



“*A Full Life was purchased for the family of Ruth Louise Anderson.*



May 28 at 12:28 PM

GP

“*Extending sympathy to Ruth's family! Such a kind person...*



ginger parkhurst - May 28 at 10:25 AM

KF

“*Ruth was a perfect example of what being a good neighbor is. Her distinctive voice could be heard at any Ithaca/Aubrey event. She will be missed by all who knew her, Tom and I will keep her family and community in our prayers.*

Kristine (Mellen) Fry - May 28 at 08:25 AM

BF

“ So sorry for your loss heaven gained a angel



Brenda Jerry stenli and family - May 28 at 07:39 AM

LA

“ I remember her rubbing my back, when I had one of my kids. She was GREAT at her job, very kind and gentle. I am sending many hugs and much love to her famiy.

Lisa Anderson - May 28 at 01:05 AM

EP

“ Ruth was so kind and helpful when our babies were born. She always had a warm smile and caring personality. Deepest sympathy to the family.

Ed & Colleen Pulvermacher - May 27 at 11:26 PM

KT

“ So sorry to hear about Ruth. She was a very special person, always had time to talk no matter what. Rest in peace Ruth. Karen and Ken Tetzlaff

Karen Tetzlaff - May 27 at 10:50 PM

PK

“ Ruth was the nurse I heard about when we were new to town in 1983. Anyone who had had a baby mentioned what a wonderful nurse and kind woman she was. She was very loved. We are so sorry to hear of her passing.  
Bruce and Pat Kaasa

Pat Kaasa - May 27 at 10:22 PM

LC

“ Ruth was an amazing lady...she was present when my oldest daughter was born. She was a client of mine and gave me 2 baby blankets that she made, and those blankets have been security for her and my second daughter along with my granddaughter Meili who sleeps with one still. Ruth touched everyone with her kindness and selflessness. She will be missed Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.

Lisa M Clark - May 27 at 09:56 PM

MN

*Ruth also w a.c my nurse with my first child. I didnt sleep well and cried alot because my mother had died when I was 12. She sat with me most of the night and talked with me. A great woman and nurse. She remembered me when we saw one another. God bless the family you are in our prayers.*

Mary Nachtigal - May 27 at 10:09 PM

B(

*Ruth worked with my mom, Joan Ray. The last time that I saw her was at my cousin, Donna Messerschmidts', 60th wedding anniversary m. My condolences to my Anderson cousins.*

Barb Popham (Ray) - May 27 at 10:23 PM

LD

*Ruth was a dear lady always ready to help anyone in need. She will be sadly missed by all who knew her. Heaven gained an angel.*

lorraine dalberg - May 28 at 09:44 AM

JJ

“ *My heart is grieving for your loss. Ruth was such a dear friend; the world will not be the same without her. She is truly joining the saints above. I am grateful for having had her in my life and serving Willow Valley UMC with her. Such good memories. May God comfort those who remain behind. With love, Jeanne Jones*

Jeanne M Jones - May 27 at 09:33 PM

JM

*Ruth was such a warm-hearted generous person. I met her when i had my first child at the Richland Hospital. She offered me the use of a cradle that her children had used. I never forgot her, and that year was 1983! There were not many as warm and loving as she was. I am sure she is deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.*

Jan Miller - May 27 at 09:45 PM

DS

*Our hearts ache with the family. Ruth was such a wonderful woman and I admired her so much. She was a role model to many.*

Don and Denise Sackmann - May 27 at 09:49 PM

BS

*Ruth was one of the loveliest ladies I have ever known. she leaves a legacy of a beautiful & caring family; they learned well from her. she will be missed on this earth however we will all take comfort in knowing she is with her Lord God & watching over us all. Our tears are for ourselves; she is at home in glory and peace. Love & prayers to her family! Betty*

Betty Showers - June 01 at 09:55 AM

RZ

“ We are so very sorry to hear of Ruth’s tragic passing.  
She was a special woman! We are so glad to have known her.  
Sending our love and so many prayers of comfort to Neal and all of the family.  
Rest well, Ruth...  
Robin and Steve Ziemke

Robin and Steve Ziemke - May 27 at 09:14 PM

KD

“ Krist Durst lit a candle in memory of Ruth Louise Anderson



Krist Durst - May 27 at 09:10 PM

GW

I SPENT MANY NIGHTS WITH RUTH AT RICH;AND HOSPITAL SHE IN OB AMD ME ON ONE OF THE FLOORS MANY GOOD MEMORIES AND A GOOD FRIENDSHIP THROUGHTOUT THE YEARS. MAY SHE REST IN PEACE. GEORGINE WORTHINGTON.

Georgine worthington - May 27 at 09:26 PM

AF

Very sad situation of how she left this earth of someone that helped to bring life into the world and as a first responder helping to save lives. An Angel that gave so much.  
Andy and Margie Freeman

Andy and Margie Freeman - May 29 at 01:27 AM

JD

As a cousin, Ruth was in my life since I was born. My memories go back to vacations on the Winslow farm. How loved she was by so many,. How giving she was to all. The heartaches she endured. Her life of service. She was truly Gods hands and feet in this world. Her family was blessed to have her and she was proud of them all. Our prayers go out to all who loved her and may we all follow her lesson. Janice and Bob Danol

Janice Danol - May 29 at 06:11 PM

LK

We are so sorry for your loss. Keeping you all in our prayers.

Laura Kast - May 29 at 09:30 PM