



Clara L Ruttman

December 16, 1934 - April 7, 2021

Clara L. Ruttman, 86, passed away Wednesday, April 7, 2021, at Good Samaritan Society - Grand Island Village in Grand Island, NE.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10:00 a.m., Monday, April 12, 2021, at the Clay Center Christian Church in Clay Center, NE., with Pastors Rich Milliken and Arick Johanson officiating. Interment will follow at the Nelson Cemetery in Nelson, NE., with Pastor Scott Jones presiding. Visitation with the family present will be on Sunday, from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., at McLaughlin Funeral Chapel in Clay Center, NE.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Clay Center Christian Church for children's ministries.

Clara was born December 16, 1934, in Fairfield, NE., to Clarus E. and Violet A. (Hamburger) Whithorn. She graduated from Fairfield High School in 1953. Clara was an excellent singer and before graduating from high school she had cut her own album. On August 16, 1953, she married Gordon Ruttman in Angus, NE. She furthered her education at the Nebraska State Teachers College in Kearney, NE., graduating in 1954. Clara taught at various country schools in the Deweese area during her teaching career. Clara eventually left her teaching career to be a homemaker and care for her family. Clara was often heard saying that she has the best kids and grandkids.

Clara was a member of the Nuckolls County Extension Club. She taught Sunday School for over 50 years and was deeply involved in church activities especially children's ministries. She enjoyed taking baking classes and had baked for numerous weddings and activities, her first being her parents 40th wedding anniversary. After her husband passed away, she became involved with the Red Hat Society and the Retired Teachers Association. Clara had taken a lot of open class Exhibits to the Nuckolls County Fair winning the top award four years in a row.

She is survived by her children, Gerry (Janet) Ruttman of Grand Island, NE; Cindy (Philip) Wicke of Greeley, CO; Cheryl Green of Clay Center, NE; Carol (Lew) Stancer of Colorado Springs, CO; and Connie (Jason) Mathews of Grand Island, NE; grandchildren, Heather Ryan; Brittany Cardinas and Gerrod Ruttman; Dustin Wicke; Luke Wicke; Chandra Wicke-Wafaie and Antony Wicke; Adam Green and Charity Wieberdink; Carissa Stancer; Cassidy Laubscher and Levi Stancer; Joshua Mathews and Cailey Mathews; 17 great-grandchildren and sister, Ruth Ann Whitmore of Grand Island, NE.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Clarus and Violet Whithorn; her husband, Gordon Ruttman and her son-in-law, John Green.

Cemetery Details

Nelson Cemetery

W. Gourlay Ave.
Nelson, NE 68961

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 11. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

McLaughlin Funeral Chapel
204 W. Johnson Street
Clay Center, NE 68933
(402) 762-3474
suttonmemorial@windstream.net
<http://www.mclaughlinchapel.com/>

Funeral Service

APR 12. 10:00 AM (CT)

Clay Center Christian Church
31371 Woodland Rd
Clay Center, NE 68933

Tribute Wall

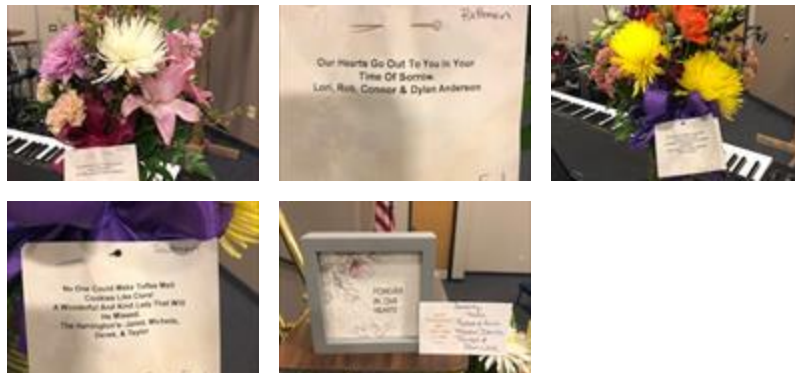
MC

“ Dear family of Clara, my brothers Rick and Ron let me know that you sent greetings to the rest of us Sekora's. Clara was my teacher at the rural country school north of Nelson when we moved to that area from Deweese. Several years ago Mom and I were at an event in Nelson and Clara was there. It was so great to visit with her after so many years! Still as lovely and caring as always. My sympathies and prayers to all of you! Blessings... Marlene (Sekora) Cooley

Marlene Cooley - April 13, 2021 at 08:54 PM



“ 35 files added to the album Flowers



Sutton Memorial Chapel and McLaughlin Funeral Chapel - April 12, 2021 at 04:03 PM

GK

“ Connie and family, We are so sorry for your loss--Gerre and Jim Kurtenbach

Gerre Kurtenbach - April 12, 2021 at 12:08 PM

BS

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Barbara J. Shuck - April 12, 2021 at 11:05 AM

CC

“ I have so many fond memories of Clara! She was such a huge part of my childhood; I will always remember her sweet and gentle spirit! I remember watching her decorate cakes. She would allow me to eat some frosting, squeezing some on my finger. I remember when we delivered eggs to folks in town. We may stay a while to visit. As an adult, I always enjoyed seeing her at the county fair. I would give her a big hug! I pray for her kids and extended family as your mourn. She will be missed by so many!

Crystal Corman - April 12, 2021 at 09:01 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Clara L Ruttman.



April 12, 2021 at 12:05 AM

RP

“ We’re so sorry for the loss of your Mom, as I told Gerry “It’s always difficult to lose your Mother”. We felt so fortunate to have gotten acquainted with Clara at church, she was a fine lady. I think you can rest assured, she is now in Heaven.

God's blessings on you,
Rich & Marilyn Price

Richard Price - April 11, 2021 at 03:01 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Clara L Ruttman.



April 11, 2021 at 07:51 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Clara L Ruttman.



April 10, 2021 at 10:55 PM

BS

“ Clara and I knew each other as toddlers because our parents were friends. She was a grade ahead in high school . We continued seeing and communicating with each other through the years.. even .every year when I came back to visit from New York. One year we had a car accident when my father in law's car had a wheel come off as we were traveling on Highway 14 from Edgar to Fairfield to have coffee with friends. All went OK..Bob Shuck had just passed us, saw what happened, came back to radio for help and we hadn't smashed anything so went on to visit friends....her two children and my two hardly knew what happened....and we were grateful it wasn't any worse.....

Barbara J. Shuyck - April 10, 2021 at 06:28 PM

CT

“ Clara was such a blessing to have at Bickford. Her smile could light up the room. She was so tender hearted, and I enjoyed the precious and special time I had with her, talking, reminiscing and doing different activities. They say that special people come into your life for a reason, and I believe she was one of my “special people”. I will continue to keep her family and friends in my prayers. God bless.

Crystal Trejo - April 10, 2021 at 12:57 PM

ND

“ You have our deepest sympathy. We knew Clara years ago when we lived in Edgar. She delivered eggs to Nancy's mother for a time and she always had some friendly words and a smile.
Sincerely,
Nancy and Roger Downs

Nancy Downs - April 10, 2021 at 10:02 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Clara L Ruttman.*



April 09, 2021 at 02:58 PM



“ *Alina and Bev Moore purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Clara L Ruttman.*



Alina and Bev Moore - April 09, 2021 at 02:06 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Clara L Ruttman.*



April 09, 2021 at 01:18 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of Clara's passing. She was such a sweet lady! Prayers and thoughts to all you and your families. Hugs. So many memories from Dist 42 school times and the times I spent at your house.*

Merna (Post) Parmenter - April 09, 2021 at 01:01 AM