



## Ruth L Ferris

December 3, 1940 - September 30, 2024

Ruth Lucille Ferris, 83, of Central City, died on Monday, September 30, 2024, at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Lincoln. Her Celebration of Life service will be held on Saturday, October 12, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. at Community Bible Church in Central City with Rev. Dale Janzen officiating. Visitation will be on Friday, October 11, 2024, at Solt-Wagner Funeral Home from 5:00-7:00 p.m. A private family burial will be held at Burke Cemetery near Central City. Memorials are suggested to Nebraska Christian Schools, Merrick County Historical Museum, or Mission Heart. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.soltwagnerfuneral.com](http://www.soltwagnerfuneral.com).

Ruth was born on December 3, 1940, near Thompson, NE, to Joseph Henry and Irene Molly (Marcellus) Bishop. She spent a happy childhood on the family farm near Thompson, NE, and graduated from Fairbury High School in 1958. She attended the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, graduating with her Bachelor of Science in Home Economics in 1962. She was united in marriage to David Ferris on June 3, 1962, at the Methodist Church in Fairbury. They moved to the Central City area, where she taught for one semester at Marquette before staying home to raise their growing family. In March 1971, Ruth trusted Jesus Christ as her personal Savior, Who completely transformed her life.

Ruth served as a speech coach, school librarian, and teacher at Nebraska Christian High School. Ruth was very active in Merrick County and the Central City community, as a Friendship Club member, 4-H Club leader, census taker,

and election poll worker. She invested much time, energy, and love to advance the mission of the Merrick County Historical Museum as a volunteer and member of the Museum Board. She served on the Merrick Foundation Board of Directors, volunteered with Mission Heart, and was very involved with her Community Bible Church Family.

Those left to cherish Ruth's memory are her husband, David of Central City; her six children, Vonn Ferris of Omaha, Kirsten (Norb) Filian of Hoffman Estates, IL, Mary Jo (James) Vogel of Castle Pines, CO, Lei (Bruce) Williams of Belton, SC, Amy (Matthew) Gray of Huntington Beach, CA, and Emily Ferris of New Orleans, LA; her two brothers, Marvin Bishop of Rapid City, SD and Warren (Candi) Bishop of North Platte; her sister-in-law, Diane Bishop of Hermosa, SD, 10 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and brother, Darrell Bishop.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **11.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Solt-Wagner Funeral Home  
1507 17th St.  
Central City, NE 68826  
(308) 946-3303  
soltwagnerfuneral@gmail.com  
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## Funeral Service

OCT **12.** 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Community Bible Church  
403 F Avenue  
Central City, NE 68826

# Tribute Wall

JB

“ I have been in bad shape since an April 15 car wreck and just found out today about Ruth. It really upset me and I'm sorry I wasn't there for her service and to see you all and share your grief. She was part of my life since the earliest memories, from when Amy n Lei arrived, to the goats, 4-h with my mom and host of events. She's gone, but never gone away. Love and spirit to you all.

Jason beck - October 29, 2024 at 02:14 PM

CZ

“ Carrie Z. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ruth L Ferris.

Carrie Z. - October 12, 2024 at 06:04 PM

HF

“ We are so sorry for your loss of your sweet, wife mother and friend. Sending God's peace and strength in our prayers❤️

Helmut Filian - October 11, 2024 at 10:40 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ruth L Ferris.



October 11, 2024 at 10:01 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ruth L Ferris.*



October 09, 2024 at 07:05 AM



“ *Susan R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ruth L Ferris.*

**Susan R.** - October 09, 2024 at 07:05 AM



“ *Kerry and Zuri Jividen and Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Ruth L Ferris.*



**Kerry and Zuri Jividen and Family** - October 09, 2024 at 05:30 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ruth L Ferris.*



October 06, 2024 at 08:33 PM

KM

“ Sympathy and prayers for ALL of you. Her work on earth is done. Praise the Lord.

Karen Miotke - October 05, 2024 at 09:13 AM

MC

“ Mary Cunningham purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Ruth L Ferris.

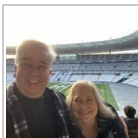


Mary Cunningham - October 04, 2024 at 11:12 PM

MC

“ Mary Cunningham planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ruth L Ferris.

Mary Cunningham - October 04, 2024 at 11:12 PM



“ Ken Hoffman lit a candle in memory of Ruth L Ferris



Ken Hoffman - October 04, 2024 at 12:48 PM



Red candle in honor of the Big Red, glad Ruth got to experience on last victory this side of heaven, even if it was at the expense of my poor Boilers...Kirsten and family, please know you are in my daily prayers...much love in this time of grief at your mother's passing!

Ken Hoffman - October 04, 2024 at 12:53 PM

VW

“ You have our prayers for comfort and peace. Ruth was a friend of ours and my parents were friends of her parents when we lived near Fairbury. Valjean & Ann Warman

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**Valjean Warman** - October 04, 2024 at 11:35 AM

SM

“ Ruth was a friend who encouraged and taught and supported and helped me in so many ways... from canning and gardening advice to loving us through wedding alterations, from leaning in for a warm smile and a hug where you knew you were loved, to helping with my children and housework when they were little while I got to teach piano to her girls. She leaves a memory of love for Jesus and genuine love to those around her.

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**Sara Musgrave** - October 04, 2024 at 09:58 AM

KC

“ Ruth was a most wise and godly, genuine treasure, I have so many fabulous memories of her.... The moment she was promoted to her heavenly home she most certainly heard," Well done, good and faithful servant"

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**Kathy Chase** - October 03, 2024 at 07:25 PM