



## Ruth Janet (Pinnow) Wendler

January 15, 1919 - July 16, 2018

### Obituary

Ruth Janet (Pinnow) Wendler, age 99, passed away on Monday, July 16, 2018, at her home. She was born on January 15, 1919 in Rock Grove, Stephenson County, IL, the daughter of William C. and Anna Ida Martha (Ronneburg) Pinnow.

Ruth attended Pleasant View School, northeast of Rock Grove, until the family moved to Brodhead when she was 8 years old to their farm on County G, rural Brodhead. She then attended Poplar Grove School. She graduated from Brodhead High School in 1937 and from the Wisconsin Academy of Cosmetic Art in Milwaukee, Class of 1938. She married Gilbert "Bub" Wendler at the State Line Trinity Lutheran Church on November 24, 1940. They farmed on Mt. Hope Rd., Spring Grove Township, south of Brodhead. She worked as a beautician for many years, as well as in the Order Department at Swiss Colony of Monroe. Ruth was a charter member of the Green County Association for Retarded Citizens and a dedicated poll worker for Spring Grove Township. She was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Brodhead, and worked with the quilting group for many years, which sent thousands of quilts every year to third world countries. In retirement, she regularly volunteered at St. Vincent's in Monroe. She stayed active with water exercise classes at the YMCA, playing Bingo, and working on daily crossword and word find puzzles.

Ruth is survived by a son, Milt (Kathy) Wendler, Janesville; daughters, Lorraine (Dan) Olson, Dolores (Ron) Schupbach, both of Brodhead, Christine Wendler Anschutz, Egg Harbor; grandchildren, Chris Olson, Daphne Johnson, Steve Wendler, Tim Wendler, Mark Wendler, Nancy Schupbach, Sara Williams; 15 great-grandchildren; brothers, Alfred Pinnow, Charles Pinnow Gene (Annie) Pinnow, sisters, Ann (Howard) Wallace, Eileen Capion, as well as many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Gilbert "Bub" in 1982, son Marlan in 2007, son-in-law, Steve Anschutz in 1998, grandson Dan Wendler in June 2018, brothers Roy, Earl, Leslie Pinnow, and sister, Rosie Bliss.

Ruth was known for her canning and baking skills, especially pies, cinnamon rolls, breads and homemade ketchup. Our love for her will never end, and life lessons and her peaceful nature will never be forgotten.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Friday, July 20, 2018, at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Brodhead with Rev. Peder Johanson officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, Brodhead. Visitation will be held on Thursday from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m., at the D.L. Newcomer Funeral Home, Brodhead, WI. Online condolences may be made at [www.dlnewcomerfuneralhome.com](http://www.dlnewcomerfuneralhome.com)

Many thanks to her dedicated personal caregivers and to the compassionate staff at Agrace Hospice Care.

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Ruth Janet (Pinnow) Wendler, please visit our floral store.

# Tribute Wall

SW

“ Milt & Kathy sorry to just hear about your Mother's passing. I know you will miss her. Thinking of you. Sharon Phillipps Wolter

Sharon Phillipps Wolter - July 28, 2018 at 05:38 PM

JG

“ My sincere sympathies to the Wendler Family - especially to Chris. My thoughts and prayers go out to to you all.

Julie Gunderson - July 21, 2018 at 02:04 PM

JL

“ Ruth was a very dear friend of my mom. Now they are together at last. Fly high with the angels Ruth, you have truly earned your wings.

Janet Luby - July 19, 2018 at 10:59 PM

VC

“ To all of Ruth's family and especially Milt and Lorraine I am so sorry for your loss. ... Vickie Caple

Vickie Caple - July 19, 2018 at 09:54 PM

DP

“ Some losses are greater than others. We lost a long time neighbor and friend. She was a matriarch.

Dean Pawlisch - July 19, 2018 at 05:08 PM

CC

“ To all of Ruth's family. She will be sadly missed by everyone. Our prayers are with you all.

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**Chuck & Shirley Christman** - July 19, 2018 at 03:41 PM

AT

“ To all of Ruth's family. Thoughts and prayers to you all..

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**Ann, Casey and Kaeleigh Taylor** - July 19, 2018 at 10:41 AM

RV

“ My sincere sympathy to her family for their loss of an amazing, friendly lady. She will surely be missed.

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**Rita Vickers** - July 18, 2018 at 09:26 PM

JF

“ Our deepest sympathy to all of you. Ruth was a wonderful lady and I always enjoyed visiting with her whenever I had the pleasure of seeing her. May she Rest In Peace.

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**Judy and Everett Fowler** - July 18, 2018 at 06:03 PM

BC

“ My deepest sympathy to Ruth's family.

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**Barbara Robinson Clark** - July 18, 2018 at 05:42 PM

SN

“ To all of Ruth's family, thoughts and prayers are sent to you.

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**Shirley Nordeng** - July 18, 2018 at 04:12 PM

SN

“ To all of Ruth's family, thoughts and prayers to all of you.

Shirley Nordeng - July 18, 2018 at 03:53 PM

JB

“ I have such fond memories of visiting your home many years ago. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Cherish your memories of this beautiful lady!

Janet Green Bartz - July 18, 2018 at 03:01 PM

LL

“ A candle was lit in remembrance

Lon amd Michelle Lederman - July 18, 2018 at 02:09 PM

AT

“ My sincere sympathy to you all..what a dedicated family you have been..God's Peace.

Aleta Ties - July 18, 2018 at 02:03 PM

ES

“ A GRANDMA'S GARDEN TABLE BASKET was ordered on July 18, 2018

Expression of Sympathy - July 18, 2018 at 01:09 PM

BM

“ So sorry for your loss.

Barbara Menehan - July 18, 2018 at 08:24 AM

WH

“ *My sympathy to the entire family. My dad referred to Ruth as one of his favorite cousins in the class of 1937.*

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**Wendy Plnow Heise** - July 17, 2018 at 09:45 PM

RO

“ *Such a sweet, kind lady. Please know you have our deepest sympathy. You are in our thoughts and prayers in this time of loss for your family*

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**Russ and Rexe Ann Olin** - July 17, 2018 at 09:17 PM

RF

“ *We are so sorry for your loss. May your happy times shared with her bring you comfort in the coming days. Just imagine the celebration in heaven!*

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**Randy and Brenda Fowler** - July 17, 2018 at 09:01 PM

TD

“ *To all of Ruth's family, you have our deepest sympathy and you are in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Troy and Renee' Dickey** - July 17, 2018 at 07:21 PM

SF

“ *TO MY FAVORITE AUNT RIP. SO MANY GOOD MEMORIES FROM MY CHILDHOOD TILL NOW. I AM SO HAPPY THAT I GOT MOM AND DAD OVER THERE TO VISIT RUTH ONE LAST TIME. WE WILL MISS HER DEARLY. TO THE FAMILY HAPPY MEMORIES AND SHE LIVED A GOOD LONG LIFE. THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS TO THE FAMILY.*

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**SHERRI AND STEVE FREDENDALL** - July 17, 2018 at 07:05 PM

SC

“ Thoughts and prayers to Ruth's entire family! I'm so sorry, your Mother was a wonderful person.

Sue Coplien - July 17, 2018 at 05:53 PM

JO

“ Our thoughts, prayers and sincere sympathy to all of you, Jeff & Stacey Olson

Jeff & Stacey Olson - July 17, 2018 at 11:34 AM

DO

“ To Ruth's family, our thoughts and prayers go out to you. With our condolences, Allen and Donna Olson

Donna Olson - July 17, 2018 at 10:59 AM

LM

“ Our sympathy to all Ruth's family.

Larry & Mary Malcook - July 17, 2018 at 09:05 AM

DW

“ To all of Ruth's family, our thoughts and prayers go out to you. Please accept our sincerest sympathies. Dean and Nancy Walters

Dean and Nancy Walters - July 16, 2018 at 10:22 PM