



## Ruth Ellen Dawald

August 9, 1933 - April 2, 2017

Ruth Ellen Dawald, 83, passed away Sunday, April 2, 2017 at Mercy Hospital in Joplin. Ruth was born August 9, 1933 in Carthage, Missouri to Frank E. Ford, Sr. and Ida May "Sigler" Ford. She was a lifetime resident of Carthage, a homemaker and was employed by Reed Engineering as their secretary. Ruth was a devoted member of Mount Moriah United Methodist Church in Carthage. She was a member of the University of Missouri Extension Club, a 4H Leader, taught Sunday school and was a youth group leader at her church.

Ruth was united in marriage to Frank Dawald on October 4, 1953 at Mt. Moriah United Methodist Church in Carthage; he survives.

Ruth is also survived by one son, Frank Richard Dawald and wife Terri of Carthage, one daughter, Sharon Frost and husband Randy of Carthage and four grandchildren: Peter Frost, Kelsey Frost, Jeffrey Dawald and Lauren Dawald.

Ruth was preceded in death by her parents, one sister Marion Hensley Keyes and three brothers: Dave, Bill and Frank Ford, Jr.

Services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, April 7, 2017 at Ulmer Funeral Home. Visitation will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Thursday, April 6, 2017 at Ulmer Funeral Home. Burial will be at Park Cemetery in Carthage.

Contributions may be made to Mt. Moriah United Methodist Church in care of Ulmer Funeral Home to be used toward their building fund, youth program and Christmas lights.

Arrangements are under the direction of Ulmer Funeral Home.

# Cemetery Details

## Park Cemetery

801 South Baker  
Carthage, MO

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 6. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Ulmer Funeral Home  
1208 S. Garrison  
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## Service

APR 7. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *The twinkle in her eye and her chuckle when she was pleased let everyone know that Ruth loved the people in her world. My life and so many lives were made better by Ruth’s encouragement and smiles.*

*Special memories include the birthday parties she planned for Sharon, always with the strawberry cake; and our days in MYF with Ruth and Frank as the youth leaders. She had such patience to take us on trips and special activities! She and Frank served as the best Christian role models a kid could ask for, showing us a marriage of partnership and true love.*

*In later years, she was simply my friend. She loved to visit and tell stories of her youth, and shared my love of a very special horse. She was so proud of Sharon and Rich, each in their own way. She kept me posted with grandkid stories and loved them so much. Frank was the center of her days and her focus was always on him. Our last visit included looking at a photo album. Ruth was usually the photographer, the pictures rarely included her. I never talked to her about “selfies” and I think she would not feel comfortable with the thought. Her selfless concern for others will always be the gift that she leaves us. One of support, kindness and love.*

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**Vicki Hillsman** - April 04, 2017 at 10:07 PM