



## Ruby Washburn

September 15, 1922 - March 12, 2013

Ruby Washburn, 90, Hope, ND, passed away at her home surrounded by her family on March 12, 2013, under the care of Hospice of the Red River Valley.

Ruby Skjefte was born in Dunn County, ND on September 15, 1922 to Sever and Martha (Roschild) Skjefte. In 1937, she and her family moved to Pillsbury, ND. She graduated from the Pillsbury High School in 1940.

On September 5, 1940, she married Hall Washburn in her family home in Pillsbury. They set up house in Carpenter Township, west of Hope, ND, where she had 3 sons. In 1957, they moved to her present home in Hugo Township, north of Hope.

She was a longtime member of the United Church of Hope. She loved her circle.

Some things Ruby enjoyed were farming, flowers, cards, games, jigsaw puzzles, and watching sports on TV, but most of all she loved her family and to travel to spend time with them.

Ruby was preceded in death by her parents; husband; a son, Jerry; a great granddaughter, Jordin; 3 sisters and 5 brothers.

She is survived by 2 sons, Reed (Jackie) of Hope and Myron (Christy) of Auburn, WA; a daughter-in-law, Sandra of Jamestown, ND; a sister, LaVerne Ptacek of Cogswell, ND; 9 grandchildren; 15 great grandchildren; and 5 great great grandchildren.

# Cemetery

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## Hope Cemetery

Hope, ND,

# Events

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**MAR** **Funeral Service** 02:00PM

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Hope American Legion Hall  
Main St., Hope, ND, US

# Comments

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“ I have known Ruby for just about a year now however with all the stories she has shared with me about her family and growing up I feel I have known her along time. One day when I was visiting with her on the phone I was frustrated with all the work I had to get done. She responded so genuinely with saying, "she so wished she could work". I immediately got a reality check and doubt I will ever complain about having so much work to do.....but being thankful I can work....at least for now.I am looking forward to meeting more of my Washburn family this coming summer and hear more of your stories about Ruby, and others that have gone before us. Love and peace to you Ruby and your family as you each begin a different journey now in different places. I will miss your wonderful free, heart wide open laugh Ruby!!! It was so so fun to laugh together with you Ruby Love, Dawn

**Dawn Gunther** - March 16, 2013 at 06:44 PM

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“ Memories of a loving Grandma... as a kid there were not many summer days that she didn't have grandchildren in the house... and usually overnight. I have amazing childhood memories of time spent with my grandparents, memories that will last forever. As an adult I can only aspire to be as strong of a woman and as good of a person as you Grandma Ruby. I love you to pieces... and will carry a part of you with me forever. (((hug))) I love you Gram!



**Teresa Washburn** - March 14, 2013 at 12:56 PM

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“ I am so blessed to have had this kind, gracious woman in my life. Her love for her family ran very deep. Every memory of her will never be forgotten, and there are many. She has instilled in me the importance of family. Grandma Ruby, they got it right when they named you..... your a true Gem!

**Laurice Van Zee** - March 14, 2013 at 09:22 AM

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“ Laurice Van Zee is following this tribute.

Laurice Van Zee - March 14, 2013 at 09:12 AM

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“ I received a wonderful letter from Ruby last year which I will treasure always and from the short time I have known her, it seems she was a lady full of love and concern for others and a joy for life. Unfortunately I did not get the chance to meet her face to face but I hope to get to learn more about her through the shared memories of her family. Love you Ruby. Your "Aussie" niece...Fiona Lynton

Fiona Lynton - March 13, 2013 at 09:03 PM

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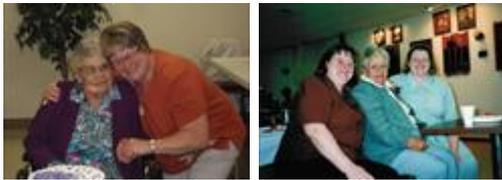
“ In about 1955 our mom, Ellen, needed to be hospitalized; that meant someone had to care for the kids. Hall and Ruby agreed to take in Ruth and I -quite a brave deed as we were widely known as Trouble and Double Trouble. I remember eating pancakes at the dining room table; I remember running and playing outside; I remember sleeping upstairs and coming down the big staircase. I felt loved and will never forget what they did for us. Ruby Washburn Lawler

Ruby Lawler - March 13, 2013 at 06:55 PM

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“ 2 files added to the album Aunt Ruby and the twins



Ruby Lawler - March 13, 2013 at 06:40 PM