



## Ruth Baumann

June 12, 1921 - January 8, 2013

Ruth Arlene (Kuist) Baumann, 91, of Valley City, passed away peacefully in her sleep early Tuesday morning, January 8, 2013.

Ruth was born on June 12, 1921 to Gordon and Eunice (Ring) Kuist in Minot, ND. She graduated from Minot Model High School and Minot State Teacher's College and then moved to Westhope, ND where she taught elementary school. A priority for Ruth and Robert was instilling a desire for higher education among their three generations of descendants.

Ruth married Robert Frederick Baumann on January 3, 1944. They lived in Westhope until 1960 and then moved to Park River, ND where they owned and operated Bowl-Mor Lanes until 1981.

Ruth was well known for her delicious home baked goods, especially her brownies. She was a home-maker until 1968 when she began working in clothing retail until her retirement in 1995. Ruth was involved in St Mary's Catholic Church and St. Ansgar's Hospital Auxiliary in Park River. She was a devoted bowler for over 30 years and every Saturday for years baked homemade bread, rolls and fritters for her family. She never complained about the 30,000+ cloth diapers she laundered for her ten children. Ruth was a skilled seamstress sewing clothing for her children and grandchildren. She was also quite a gifted craftsperson, creating Christmas gifts for her family each year and donating many of her creations to fundraising events within her community. She was the ultimate "fashionista" as she took great pride in being elegantly dressed. She loved her flower gardens and a good sit down home

cooked meal with dessert added.

Ruth modeled her Catholic faith, enjoyed music and especially loved family gatherings with her legacy of 100+ descendants. In a quiet strength, she was an example of kindness to her family and everyone she touched. She unconditionally loved everyone, accepting them for who they were. Her children learned to be creative, independent and determined to “figure it out”. She was a model of strength, never complaining through many physical and serious health setbacks.

In 1996, she moved to Jamestown, ND to be closer to her youngest daughter Patricia and family. She then followed them to Valley City, ND in 2000, living in her home until March of 2012 when she moved into the Sheyenne Care Center.

Ruth was preceded in death by her husband, Robert in 1989, her infant daughter Karolyn Kay, her parents Eunice and Gordon, brother’s Blaine Kuist, Gordon Kuist, and Dale Kuist; and her sister Margaret Kuist.

She is survived by her children: Michael (Marlys) Baumann, Ottertail Lake, MN; David (Jenean) Baumann, Reiles Acres, ND; Dianne (Al) Prentice, Maple Grove, MN; Gerald (Marji) Baumann, Tempe, AZ; Timothy (Meredith) Baumann, Grand Forks, ND; Cheryl (Sean) Kelly, Lisbon, ND; Cynthia (Richard) Dunsmore, Forest Lake, MN; Kenneth (Cheryl) Baumann, Eagan, MN; Margaret (Richard) Aho, Park Rapids, MN; Patricia (Mark) Oberlander, Valley City, ND.

She is also survived by 29 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren, sisters, Gayle Bakkom, Bellingham, WA; Gloria Mulvihill, Salem, OR; Meredith Pratt, Bismarck, ND and several nieces and nephews.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

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

St. Catherine Catholic Church  
540 3rd Ave. NE  
Valley City, ND

## Service

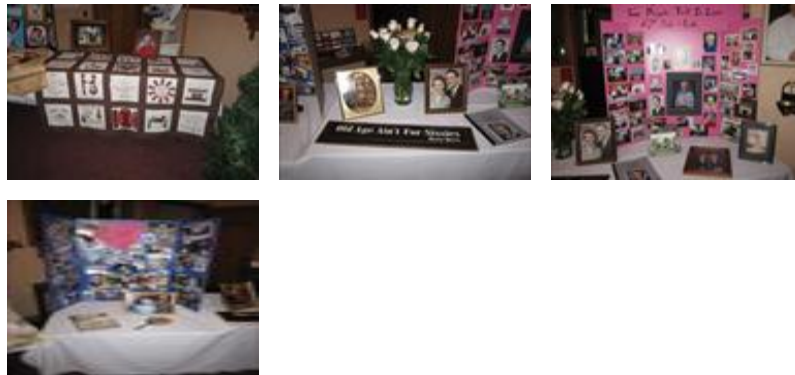
JAN 12. 10:30 AM (CT)

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540 3rd Ave. NE  
Valley City, ND

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**Patty Oberlander** - January 16, 2013 at 01:43 PM

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**Patty Oberlander** - January 16, 2013 at 01:41 PM

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“ *Tricia Mikkelsen lit a candle in memory of Ruth Baumann*



**tricia mikkelsen** - January 12, 2013 at 09:41 AM

PA

“ There are so many wonderful memories of Aunt Ruth that I will treasure. I think we all could write a book about her. Perhaps someone will one day. May God comfort all of us who loved and admired her.

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**Pamila Abeling** - January 11, 2013 at 11:01 AM

GP

“ Mick and Marlys and family. So sorry to read about your mom Ruth passing. You have our sincere sympathy. It doesn't seem to matter how old we get it is hard to lose our mom. Take some time to sit a just remember your mom when you were a child and as an adult, share those memories with your children and grandchildren. We are currently in Texas now for about 6 weeks. Take care and love and hugs to you and your family at this difficult time. Gene and Karen

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**Gene and Karen Prim** - January 11, 2013 at 10:46 AM

LA

“ Reading Ruth's obituary in the Herald brought back many fond memories of Ruth. She was an easy person to visit with and she raised a beautiful family. You have my sympathy.

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**Laura Alkofer** - January 11, 2013 at 10:46 AM

CM

“ Patty, Mark and family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

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**Carmen, Shane and Marlee Mohn** - January 11, 2013 at 10:46 AM



“ To all my fine cousins and families of Ruth I express my deepest sympathy for everyone.  
Ruth was a very special and dear Aunt to me for 66 years and I will surely miss her.  
I have so many fond memories of all the days in Westhope and Park River where Ruth ALWAYS made me feel so welcome  
We are in Florida and I regret not being able to be there.  
Sincerely, Bob and Cheryl Ward###imported-begin###bob and Cheryl ward###imported-end##

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January 10, 2013 at 08:17 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all ..###imported-begin###Sandy & Joe Musha###imported-end##

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January 09, 2013 at 08:55 PM



“ Baumann family: ruth will be missed by so many people. I was one of ruths caretakers at the care center and she was a kind hearted and wonderful lady . She had a smile that would light up anyones day. I will miss sitting and talking with her and watching days of our lives. I'm so glad I got to know her and some of her kids. Rest easy ruth god got a wonderful angel.###imported-begin###tricia mikkelsen###imported-end##

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January 09, 2013 at 01:41 PM



“ Thinking of all of the Baumann family at this time and celebrating with you that Ruth is in heaven and enjoying the eternal life that Jesus has promised! I know it is hard for those of us left behind when our loved ones leave us and you will miss her. May the Lord give you peace and comfort as only He can do. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.##imported-begin##Mike and Lisa Baxter##imported-end##

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January 09, 2013 at 12:27 PM



“ I'm so sorry to hear of Ruth's passing. My condolences to Margaret and all the family. You're all in my prayers.##imported-begin##Sue Nelson##imported-end##

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January 09, 2013 at 11:38 AM



“ As I write this note my memories of Ruth rush by. Oh so many. Our deepest sympathy to the entire Baumann family. What a wonderful example to all. I am blessed to have been related. Know that you all are in our thoughts and prayers. Uncle Bob is smiling now. Peace.##imported-begin##Don and Winnie Pratt##imported-end##

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January 08, 2013 at 08:37 PM