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**RUTH ARVILLA WALKER**

Ruth Walker, 87, of What Cheer died Tuesday, December 24, 2013, at the Serenity House in Oskaloosa. Funeral services were held privately. Burial was in the Barnes City Cemetery at Barnes City. Memorial contributions may be made to the Serenity House in Oskaloosa. Friends may sign the online guestbook at [www.hollandcoblefuneralhome.com](http://www.hollandcoblefuneralhome.com).

Ruth Arvilla Walker was born October 16, 1926, in Oskaloosa, the daughter of James Myers and Olive McVay. She attended school in Oskaloosa, and on October 24, 1942, she was united in marriage to Edward Walker. Over the years, Ruth worked as a nurses aid, as a custodian at UIHC and a clerk for the city of What Cheer. She also worked for Sig's in Montezuma, Dyamatics and the Overall Factory. Ruth enjoyed reading, listening to gospel music and people watching.

She is preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Edward Walker; a son James Walker; a daughter, Linda Walker; two brothers, Lowell and Orville Myers; a sister Norma Jean Hunt; a daughter-in-law, Bonnie Walker; two grandsons, James and Clint Walker; and a great-grandson.

Ruth is survived by two sons: Dale (Debra) Walker of Thornburg and David Walker of Callao, Mo.; a daughter, Marilyn Walker of What Cheer; 10 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; three step-great-grandchildren; 11 great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.