

HR May 9, 2009
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A funeral service was held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 11, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with Cheri Doane and Howard Lord officiating. Pianist was Claudia Wyatt. Casket Bearers were Robert Widmer, John Whitehead, John Kane, Casey Weaver, Cody Weaver and Crystal. Interment was at the Westfield Cemetery near Grinnell.

Memorials may be directed to the Center Friends Church and sent in care of the Smith Funeral Home, P.O. Box 368, Grinnell, IA 50112.

Condolences to the family may be sent via the funeral home Web site, www.smithfh.com.



Ruth was born on April 21, 1938, in Unadilla, N.Y., to Valentine and Esther Vore Krumm. She attended public schools and received her BA in Sociology from Wilmington College, Ohio. Her love of literature extended to acting in student, and later, community theater. Ruth was a member of the Center Friends Church in Newton, the Westfield Cemetery Association, and the Board of Directors of William Penn College. She served as a high school teacher, a nursing home administrator, and an administrative assistant. She inspired every group that she participated in.

Ruth was a peace activist. A lifelong Quaker, she believed that God is love and reveals himself directly to each person. She befriended people of all kinds and from all walks of life. She strongly believed in the value of education. She spoke and wrote in her community to encourage people to work to prevent wars, hunger, oppression and ignorance. Her letters were published in the Grinnell Herald-Register and the Des Moines Register. Ruth's other interests were family and family history, bird watching, nature, travel, education, politics, music and astronomy. The walls of her study were covered with the art of her family, news articles, photographs of the outdoors and maps and photographs of the heavens. She taught herself to play Beethoven's Moonlight Sonata on the piano. Ruth turned her eyes to the heavens in her 60s and soon became the family authority on the life cycle, names and locations of amazing objects in the night sky.

She is survived by her husband of 36 years, Fred Weaver of Grinnell, who she cherished and admired; her children, Vivian R. McGuire of San Antonio and Edward K. (Anita Barnard) McGuire of Fort Worth, Texas; her step children, Mary Whitehead of Grinnell, James Weaver of Perry, Mark Weaver of New Sharon, and Diane Widmer of Toledo; one granddaughter, Rowan Barnard-Kent; 10 step grandchildren; five step great-grandchildren; and two brothers, David Krumm of Kellogg and Paul Krumm of Kanopolis, Kan.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one sister, Mary Esther Krumm Poe; and one brother, John Krumm.