



Ruth Ann Kooima, daughter of John D. and Dorothy (Vander Sanden) Driesen, was born July 5, 1950, at Le Mars, Iowa. She grew up on a farm west of Rock Valley, Iowa. Ruth attended Rock Valley Christian School through the 8th grade and then attended and graduated from Western Christian High School in Hull, Iowa. Following high school, Ruth enrolled at Sioux Valley Nursing School in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

While in high school, Ruth began dating Ken D. Kooima and on August 8, 1969, the couple was united in marriage at the First Christian Reformed Church of

Rock Valley. In 1971, the couple moved to a farm south of Rock Valley where they raised their three children, Kimberly, Kandace, and Kurt. Together Ruth and Ken built a life rooted in faith, family, and love. Ruth kept busy on the farm, from tending to her beautiful flower beds and endless hours of mowing, to traveling with Ken to area sale barns, she was the consummate farm wife.

Ruth was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, and friend. She dedicated her life to caring for her family and serving others. This included many years of service as a licensed practical nurse in the Hegg Health System. She was also a talented quilter and seamstress, making both of her daughters' wedding dresses and altering wedding and prom dresses in her "retirement career." She blessed the lives of countless children who received one of her handmade quilts while attending Royal Family Kids Camp. Ruth also enjoyed traveling with her family and especially loved the mountains and the cruises she and Ken took in their retirement years. She was always planning and looking forward to the next trip! Ruth prioritized time with her grandchildren with regular grandma days and went out of her way to make each of them feel special. Her faith was central to her life, and she was an active member of Trinity Christian Reformed Church. Ruth passed away Thursday, February 26, 2026, at Crown Pointe Estates in Sioux Center, Iowa, at the age of 75.

Ruth is survived by her husband of 56 years, Ken D. Kooima; daughter, Kim Nibbelink and her husband, Jamie of Orange City, Iowa, and their children, Paige (Zach) De Jong, Jayci (Nathan) Bolkema, and Jonah Nibbelink; daughter, Kandi Van Oort and her husband, Brent of Rock Valley, and their children, Brayden Van Oort (Amanda Schwartz), Brooklyn (Justin) Weber, and Drew Van Oort; son, Kurt Kooima and his wife, Megan of Rock Valley, and their children, Sophia, Kensley, and Isabella Kooima; 4 great-grandchildren, Tate, Quinn, and Emmett De Jong, and Rowan Bolkema; 2 brothers, Jay and Merlyn Driesen; and 5 siblings-in-law, Sebert Kooima, Trudy Huisken, Marlene (Ron) Kuyper, Don (Sherry) Kooima, and Ellen Kooima.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John D. and Dorothy Driesen; parents-in-law, Peter and Ann Kooima; granddaughter, Lexi Nibbelink; an infant brother; 2 sisters-in-law, Marlys Driesen and Ann Kooima; and 2 brothers-in-law, Ben Huisken and Harlan Kooima.

In Loving Memory
Ruth Ann Kooima
July 5, 1950 ~ February 26, 2026

MEMORIAL SERVICE

11:00 AM, Wednesday, March 4, 2026
Trinity Christian Reformed Church
Rock Valley, Iowa

OFFICIANT

Pastor Luke Johnston

PIANIST

Natalie Ysselstein

REMEMBRANCES

Ruth's Family

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Hymn of Heaven"

Brad Krommendyk & Allison Hulstein

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS

"How Great Thou Art"

"My Jesus, I Love Thee"

"Breathe On Me, Breath of God"

PALLBEARERS

Jonah Nibbelink ~ Brayden Van Oort

Drew Van Oort ~ Zach De Jong

Nathan Bolkema ~ Justin Weber

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Sophia Kooima ~ Kensley Kooima ~ Isabella Kooima

INTERMENT

Valley View Cemetery

Rock Valley, Iowa

Ruth's family invites everyone for a time of food and fellowship in the church fellowship hall immediately following the memorial service.

*As a father has compassion on his children,
so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him;
for he knows how we are formed,
he remembers that we are dust.
The life of mortals is like grass,
they flourish like a flower of the field;
the wind blows over it and it is gone,
and its place remembers it no more.
But from everlasting to everlasting
the Lord's love is with those who fear him,
and his righteousness with their children's children—
with those who keep his covenant
and remember to obey his precepts.*

Psalm 103:13-18



No eye has seen,
nor ear heard, nor
the heart of man
conceived,

what God has prepared
for those who love Him.

1 Corinthians 2:9