



Edna "Ruth" Storts

December 15, 1925 - September 13, 2025

Edna "Ruth" Barker Storts, formerly of Bowling Green, Missouri, died September 13, 2025, at Lynn's Heritage House in Louisiana, Missouri, at the age of 99. Ruth was born December 15, 1925, in the small rural community of Willmathsville, Missouri. After graduating from high school in Brashear, Missouri, where she enjoyed playing basketball and participating in the school plays and choir, she attended Kirksville State Teaching College (now Truman State University) until her marriage to Vernon J Sloan, M.D. (deceased) in 1944. They had one son, Vernon J Sloan, Jr.

Ruth married I.B. Storts, Jr. (Junior) March 7, 1947, in Kirksville. They moved to Bowling Green, Missouri, in November, 1948, eventually settling on a farm in Tarrants Village on the outskirts of town. They added three children to their family: Bruce Storts, Douglas Storts, and Paula Storts Page. They resided on their farm until Junior died in May, 1988. Ruth continued living in Bowling Green until moving to Lynn's Heritage House in February, 2018.

Ruth lived a full life. She worked with Junior in his Pike Amusement business, fielding phone calls and paying bills, while raising her children. Later she showed her business acumen while running her own business selling maternity wear and baby clothes on the Bowling Green Square. After Junior's death she began traveling with her sister, Ava Swofford, seeing many countries she never expected to visit. These trips included the Scandinavian countries, the English Isles, Germany and Liechtenstein, Italy and Sicily, Austria and Switzerland, France and Monaco, and Greece and the Greek Islands.

As a long-time member of the United Methodist Church, Ruth was involved with church activities for many years. She enjoyed singing at church services and meeting with the other members to help those in need.

Ruth was preceded in death by her husband, I.B. Storts, Jr, her parents, Roy C and Mary Martin Barker, her siblings Edgar Ray Barker, Rex Barker and Dale Barker; her half-siblings Fred Barker, Freda Chrisman, and Norma Julian; her son Vernon Sloan, her

daughter-in-law Donna Sloan, and her grandson Drew Sloan.

Those left to mourn her death are her sons Bruce Storts (Amy) of Blue Springs, Mo, and Douglas Storts (Sheila) of Curryville, Mo; her daughter Paula Storts Page (Ed) of Overland Park, Ks; her grandchildren Jamey Sloan, of Sedalia, Mo, Stephen Storts (Jeannie) of Bradenton, Fl, Jeffrey Storts (Michaelynn) of Lee's Summit, Mo, Jennifer Storts Radford (Jeremy) of Blue Springs, Mo, Todd Storts (Amy Jo) of Bowling Green, Mo, Melissa Storts Weber (Eric) of Bowling Green, Mo, Erin Storts Comer of Bowling Green, Mo, Jessica Storts Coriell (Jon) of St. Louis, Mo, Nicholas Page (Amber) of Overland Park, Ks, Elise Page Lee (Jimmy) of St. Paul, Mn, and Drake Page of Dallas, Tx; her sister Ava Swofford, Columbia, Mo; and 26 great-grandchildren and 26 great-great-grandchildren.

Ruth has been known by many terms of endearment including Mom, Grandma, Grandma Ruth, and GG. She was a sister, an aunt, a friend, and the life of the party. She was an amazing lady loved by everyone who knew her. When she was asked how she managed to go about her life each day as she aged, she responded that if she could do something yesterday, then she could do it again today. She often added "I never have an ache or a pain!"

A celebration of Ruth's life will be held at Bibb-Veach Funeral Home in Bowling Green on September 27, 2025. Visitation will be from 10:00 to 11:00 AM with services to follow. Burial will be in the Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Bowling Green.

Pallbearers will be Stephen Storts, Jeffrey Storts, Todd Storts, Nicholas Page, Drake Page, Eric Weber, and Jeremy Radford. Honorary pallbearers will be Jennifer Radford, Melissa Weber, Erin Comer, Elise Lee, and Jessica Coriell.

Donations in memory of Ruth may be made to the Pike County Hospice or to the charity of the donor's choice.

Cemetery Details

Memorial Gardens

Bowling Green, MO 63334

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 27. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Bibb-Veach Funeral Home's & Crematory LLC - Bowling Green
606 West Main Street
Bowling Green, MO 63334
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Funeral Service

SEP 27. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Burial

SEP 27 (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Gale Knight lit a candle in memory of Edna "Ruth" Storts



Gale Knight - September 29, 2025 at 10:39 PM



“ 204 files added to the album Life Tributes



Bibb-Veach Funeral Home's, LLC. - September 27, 2025 at 10:48 AM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Edna "Ruth" Storts.



September 24, 2025 at 05:55 PM



“ Carla Mills sent a virtual gift in memory of Edna "Ruth" Storts



Carla Mills - September 17, 2025 at 04:55 PM

EL

“ Doug and family , you have my deepest sympathy. Your mother was always kind to me. Im sure you have some wonderful memories to share. I have heard some really good stories about her and Junior.



Ellenforf@gmail.com - September 16, 2025 at 06:07 PM

MB

“ Doug, Sheila and family, our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. May God bless you! Jim and Mary Jo

Mary Jo Barr - September 16, 2025 at 05:15 PM

D:

“ we shared a lot of good times with Ruth and Junior. prayers for the family. Doris Lindsay

Doris :Lindsay - September 16, 2025 at 04:57 PM

KC

“ To the Storts family
I remember your parents from growing up in BG. Your dad drove the station wagon Pike Amusement and later your mom had a cute boutique on the Square. I saw Ruth several years ago at Lynn's Heritage when visiting two of my mother's friends who also resided there. Ruth was always such a beautiful classy lady. She was fortunate to live a full abundant life adding 4 generations of the family. I remember your brother Vernon "Rocky" and was sorry to read of his passing. Sincere condolences to the Storts clan.

Karen Straube Corbus - September 15, 2025 at 10:44 PM



“ OUR LOVE AND SYMPATHY TO DOUG AND THE FAMILY



Larry-Nancy Nation - September 15, 2025 at 10:38 PM

RS

“ I am very sorry for the family's loss. --Renee Sevier



Renee Sevier - September 15, 2025 at 02:12 PM

AI

“ All of us at Young Enterprises, Inc. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edna "Ruth" Storts.

All of us at Young Enterprises, Inc. - September 15, 2025 at 01:15 PM

AI

“ All of us at Young Enterprises, Inc. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Edna "Ruth" Storts.



All of us at Young Enterprises, Inc. - September 15, 2025 at 01:15 PM

NS

“ Love from your sometimes other mother

Nancy J Scoggin - September 15, 2025 at 11:54 AM

DE

“ My sincere sympathy for the family



Deanie Ebers - September 15, 2025 at 11:30 AM