



## Ruth Sorensen

September 29, 1909 - November 13, 2017

Ruth Sorensen, 108, of Chelan, Wash. died November 13, 2017.

She was born September 29, 1909, in Brewster, Wash. to Henry Frederick Bertram and Grace Alexander Bertram.

She attended school through the 8th grade.

Ruth was a housewife, helped in the family orchard during harvest and worked as a sorter in the apple industry.

She enjoyed handwork, such as crocheting, knitting and embroidery work and loved to garden, especially flower gardening and yard work. Ruth also enjoyed working at the Chelan Senior Center for several years.

Survivors include her children, Leroy Sorensen, Roger Sorensen, Carolyn Hand, Karen Bright and Mary DeMarce; grandchildren, Barbara Tyrrell, Sandy Sorensen, Sharon Sorensen, Mike Sorensen, Terry Lane, Lori Sorensen, Gerry Sorensen, Kelly Sorensen, David Hand, Douglas Hand, Lila Howard, Cass Thurston, Alexis Thurston, Michelle Thurston, Kim Goodall and Kari Sorensen. She also has several great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, 6 siblings, husband Louis Sorensen (married 50 years), son Sander Sorensen, daughter Doris Bonwell, grandsons Steven Sorensen and Donald Hand.

These are a few of Ruth's words you would often hear her say:

“Whatever happens take it with a smile”. “As long as you don’t weaken it’ll be okay”. “It’s time to get the day on its feet”. “I’ve herded cows, I’ve herded pigs and I’ve herded kids. I’ve done it all”.

We’ve had the honor and privilege to enjoy her and the sharing of her life, knowledge, wisdom, history and experiences of 108 wonderful years!  
The family would also like to extend a very heartfelt thank you to Mom’s second family, the staff and residence of Heritage Heights. Their kindness, love and caring for 11 years truly made them a part of her family.

# Cemetery Details

## Chelan Riverview Cemetery

401 Riverview Road  
Chelan, WA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **20**. 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (PT)

Precht Rose Chapel  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Precht Rose Chapel and Barnes Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Ruth Sorensen*



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**Precht Rose Chapel and Barnes Chapel** - November 16, 2017 at 03:11 PM



“ *Ruth Sorensen*

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January 29, 2023 at 08:49 AM



“ *By coincidence I found a note on the Internet saying that Mrs. Ruth Sorensen had passed away. I was very sorry to see that note, but it brought back some memories.*

*My grandfather had a brother called Lauritz Sorensen. He migrated to the States around 1920 and changed his first name to Louis as the Americans found his real name too hard to pronounce. He married an American girl Ruth.*

*After the war, Louis and Ruth visited Denmark. I believe it was in 1946 or 47. I was only 6 at that time, but I do recall the visit as Louis showed us a film of a small plane flying over his apple orchard. He also showed us a picture of their daughter Karen, who had just won a beauty contest of some kind.*

*After that we all lost contact until I found them in 1982. I was with my family in Canada, and we drove by motorhome from Calgary to Los Angeles. I thought of Louis and his family when I saw all the apple orchards in Washington. But I realized that it was like looking for a needle in a haystack. On our way back to Calgary we stopped at a fruit stand in Washington - just outside Chelan to buy some fruit. I asked an elderly woman in the fruit stand if by any chance she knew about Louis Sorensen.*

*She then told me that Louis was dead but Ruth was still alive - and lived next to her in Chelan.*

*I did not have time to go back to Chelan but I phoned Ruth from the fruit stand. She was not at home - she was in the airport to pick up a family member for a family gathering the same evening. Her daughter Karen answered the phone and when I told her who I was, she told me that the whole family thought that all the Danish family did not live any more.*

*We went back to Denmark and I wrote Ruth a long letter. Within 2 years we had several visits from our American family - including Ruth and her son Roger.*

*We have since then again lost contact with our American family, but*

*I do hope that they are all well.*

*Best regards  
Gerhard Petersen, Denmark  
mail: gerh.pet@gmail.com*

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**Gerhard Petersen** - October 30, 2020 at 07:09 PM

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“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



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**cass thurston** - November 21, 2017 at 12:15 AM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**cass thurston** - November 21, 2017 at 12:11 AM

DB

“ *Debbie Bertram lit a candle in memory of Ruth Sorensen*



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**Debbie Bertram** - November 20, 2017 at 12:54 PM



“ *Lori Sorensen lit a candle in memory of Ruth Sorensen*



**Lori Sorensen** - November 20, 2017 at 10:30 AM



*Just wish I could have been there!!!!!! She was just such a wonderful lady!!!! I loved and respected her so much!!!! She was always so nice to me and made feel a part of the family, even after Stan died. Love and prayers to all.*

**Toni Stapleton-Bertram** - November 20, 2017 at 06:37 PM



*Dear Sorensen Family,  
I remember most about your parents is when I delivered a new Ferguson tractor to the home in Manson in about 1953. They were early customers and we appreciated their business.*

*Your Mom had an amazing life. From a log cabin beginning to seeing a man on the moon. What a fantastic history that she lived and observed.*

*Sincerely,*

*Earl Tilly*

**Earl Tilly** - January 18, 2018 at 04:08 PM



*I represent the Danish part of the family. Ruth visited me i Denmark around 1985. She was a grand lady - warm at heart.  
Gerhard Petersen, gerh.pet@gmail.com*

**Gerhard Petersen** - September 14, 2018 at 02:13 AM

MH

“ *MaryEllen Howes lit a candle in memory of Ruth Sorensen*



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**MaryEllen Howes** - November 15, 2017 at 08:00 PM

KS

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Kari Sorensen** - November 15, 2017 at 03:23 PM


KS

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**Kari Sorensen** - November 15, 2017 at 01:52 PM

 Alyse Brown

“ *Alyse Brown lit a candle in memory of Ruth Sorensen*



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**Alyse Brown** - November 15, 2017 at 12:20 AM



“ *Karen Hand lit a candle in memory of Ruth Sorensen*



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**Karen Hand** - November 14, 2017 at 07:18 PM