



Ruth I. Wegner

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Ruth I. Wegner (Reitz), age 99, passed away peacefully on Tuesday September 7th, 2021 at Evergreen Retirement Community.

Ruth was born July 17th, 1922 in the township of Omro, Winnebago County, Wisconsin, the daughter of Julius and Jessie (Fisher) Reitz. She grew up on the family farm at Zion, a country girl at heart. She graduated from public school in 1938 and went on to earn a diploma for teachers of rural schools from the Oshkosh State Teachers College (UW-Oshkosh) in 1941. She taught for 22 years in schools of all sizes throughout Winnebago County, including at one time a one-room school. As the years passed, she earned an additional BS in Elementary Education in 1957, again from the Oshkosh State Teachers College. During all of her years of teaching she was proud to supervise many student teachers.

On August 7th, 1943 Ruth married Merlin (Merle) Wegner at a small country Evangelical church near the town of Eldorado in Fond du Lac County, Wisconsin. Merle was a cheesemaker and Ruth was a teacher. These were simpler times. They met by chance one night while dancing at the Eagle's Club in Oshkosh. Ruth and Merle were avid travelers, having seen many sights across the entire United States, Canada, and Mexico. Two memorable trips of merit include driving the long, winding Alaska highway at a snail's pace of 25 MPH, and then being in Hawaii at the very moment it raised the 50-star flag and officially became a state.

The Wegner's enjoyed many good times with their family and friends, especially get-togethers at their home. Having purchased their lovely split-rock home on Central St. in Oshkosh and the adjacent lot, they later added an enclosed patio room and a three-car paneled garage. Ruth was an excellent host at this home for all sorts of social activities from large card clubs, Elk Ladies, and Rotary Ann's, to intimate evenings of reading, sewing, and music. Ruth adored her piano, and was a skilled player her whole life long, having played her upright piano regularly right to the weeks before her death. She was one of the last gems of the "sheet music generation" when young



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people would go out and buy sheet music for popular songs and learn them right away on the piano instead of buying a record and setting it on the turntable.

Ruth and Merle never did have children of their own. They were married 64 years up until the time of Merle's death in 2007. Ruth is survived by nephews, nieces, and dear friends.

Preceding Ruth in death were her parents Julius and Jessie, her sister Marion (1980), brother Lewis (2005), and husband Merle (2007).

Special thanks must be extended to Evergreen Retirement Community of Oshkosh. From management to food staff and nurses, Ruth appreciated you all and was truly glad to live there. You made her time vibrant and meaningful. The same must be said for the private caretakers who came to be with Ruth for the last few years. Thank you for the kindness and genuine care you showed. You all made a difference and brought her great joy.

Visitation and funeral services will be held on Thursday September 16, 2021, at Evergreen Retirement Community (1130 N Westfield St, Oshkosh, WI). Funeral Services will begin at 11:00 AM and visitation will be from 10:00 AM until the time of service.

Burial will be at Lake View Memorial Park immediately following the funeral service.

In lieu of flowers, please honor Ruth as the educator that she was by making a donation to the Oshkosh Area School District Education Fund or the Omro Area Scholarship & Education Fund, both through the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation.



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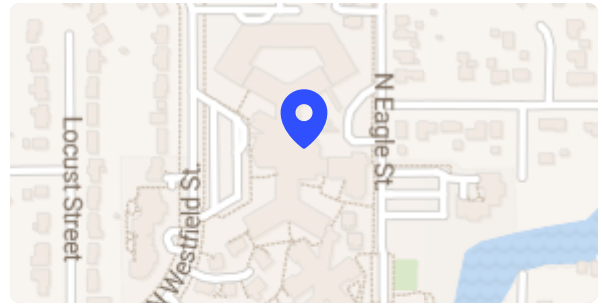
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Service

 **Thursday**, September 16, 2021

 11:00 AM - 11:00 AM CT

 **Evergreen Retirement Community**
1130 N Westfield St, Oshkosh, WI 54902,
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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Ruth by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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