

Obituary

Ruby Madsen, daughter of James "Jens" and Louise Nicoline Jorgensen Byriel, was born on May 8, 1915, in Guthrie County, Iowa. She spent her early life in Guthrie County and Audubon, Iowa, graduating from high school with the Audubon High School Class of 1934. Following graduation Ruby worked at the drugstore and Ben Franklin Store in Audubon. On September 24, 1940, she was united in marriage with Joseph A. Madsen at St. Patrick's Church Rectory in Audubon where they made their home. In 1965 they moved to Shenandoah to make their home. Ruby was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and St. Mary's Guild. She was a life-time member of the Shenandoah Hospital Auxiliary and served on the sewing committee many years. Ruby enjoyed knitting, crocheting, golfing, writing letters, sewing and making all the clothes for her seven children and herself. She enjoyed playing cards with friends, family and grandchildren. Her favorite time was going for rides with her husband Joe and later with the family. Just being with Joe and her seven children she loved best.

Ruby was preceded in death by her parents, a brother Belmont Byriel, two sisters, Evelyn Byriel and Lela Jensen, a grandson Clayton Hamm, and her husband Joe in 1991. She is survived by her son Robert Madsen of Shenandoah; Trish Delehant and her husband Mike of Imogene Iowa; Douglas Madsen and his wife Gwynne and Tom Madsen and his wife ElJean, all of Shenandoah; Pam Simon and her husband Gary of Jamestown, N.Y., Carol Sue McEnaney and her husband Delbert of Shenandoah; Joe R. Madsen and his wife Julie of Oskaloosa, Iowa; thirteen grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren; two sisters Erma Chalfant and her husband Melvin of Guthrie Center, Iowa; Elaine Smith of Red Oak, Iowa; a sister-in-law Marie Byriel of Audubon, other relatives and many friends.

Following the services at the cemetery, everyone is cordially invited to the Parish Hall for a time of fellowship and refreshments with the family.

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