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## **Ruby Sutton (Ruby Rooker)** - Beloit

Ruby Sutton (Ruby Rooker), age 100, the 5<sup>th</sup> of 10 children born to Lyman Clair and Nellie Fuqua Ault, was born December 28, 1916 near Lamar, in Chase County Nebraska. She died on Thursday, March 2, 2017 at Hilltop Lodge in Beloit, Kansas.

At age 5, Ruby moved with her parents and her brothers and sisters to Decator, Arkansas where they lived for 1 ½ years. In 1923, they decided to move to Ionia, Kansas because of her father's failing health. On September 9, 1923, they began their trip to Ionia by covered wagon. Ruby's fondest memories were of her childhood growing up with her siblings and the siblings remained close throughout their lives.

Ruby attended Center Grade School, graduating in 1931. She attended high school at Ionia and Athens, graduating from Ionia High School in 1935. She was baptized at the McCabe Chapel in Jewell County in November of 1934 and became a member of the EUB Church in Ionia.

Ruby married Arthur F. Rooker on January 1, 1940. Art passed away in April of 1970. Art and Ruby ran the Ionia Telephone Company, where Ruby worked as a telephone operator for 25 years. For four years during the time they ran the telephone company, they also ran the Cream Station at Ionia. Ruby also served as Postmaster at Ionia for 28 years and retired from that position in August of 1987.

Ruby married Don L. Sutton from Pleasanton, Kansas in December of 1976 and they continued living in Ionia. Don passed away in December of 2003. Ruby moved to Hilltop Lodge in Beloit in May of 2004.

Ruby is preceded in death by her parents and her brothers and sisters and her husband, Art and her husband, Don. She is survived by her daughter, Ilene Schnorr of Wichita Falls, Texas, her son, Roger Rooker and his wife Jamie Lamb of Beloit, Kansas, step-daughter-in-law, Susan Sutton of Las Vegas, Nevada, two grandsons: Mark Schnorr and wife Tammy of Burkburnett, Texas and Eric Rooker and wife Elaine of Topeka, Kansas and one step-grandson, Mike Sutton of Federal Way, Washington.

Ruby was cremated. A graveside service at the Athens Cemetery will be March 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am. Kleppinger Funeral Home, 409 Broadway, Jewell, KS is in charge of the services.

Memorials may be given to Ionia United Methodist Church OR Athens Cemetery.