



Ruth A. Templeton

October 7, 1923 - May 1, 2019

Rochester: Ruth A. Templeton, originally of Elyria, Ohio died peacefully at home on May 1st, 2019 at the age of 95. Ruth was born on October 7th, 1923 in Elyria, Ohio to Bertha (Hebard) and Wilbur Vaughn. She is predeceased by her husband, Charles; daughter, Mila; brother, Thomas Vaughn; sister, Nancy Renville. Ruth is survived by her children, Claire Laub, David (Kathleen Piehler) Templeton; grandchildren, Erica, Nick and Claire Templeton; nephew, Thomas (Priscilla) Vaughn.

Ruth graduated from Elyria HS in 1941. While at Elyria HS she played trombone in the marching band and had her father as an algebra teacher. Ruth was very proud of her siblings. Her brother Tom was a WWII Airforce pilot. After completing his tour of duty as a bomber pilot in North Africa, he died as a test pilot in Michigan. Her sister Nancy loved horses and moved to Nevada where she rediscovered their family connection to early American settlers and rode in the reenactment of the Pony Express.

She met Charlie Templeton while they were both working at Bendix Westinghouse Air Brake Company at the beginning of WWII. Ruth and Charlie were married June 29, 1946 and moved to Cleveland, Ohio and spent summers showing their children the United States through annual month long vacation trips in their Airstream trailer.

Ruth and Charlie retired to Hendersonville, North Carolina in 1980. They designed their own energy efficient home and continued their love of travel, visiting numerous countries. Ruth took up quilting while in NC, learning from Georgia Bonesteel and winning several quilting competitions.

Ruth moved to New York in 2005 to be near her family. Never a New Yorker, Ruth immersed herself in her new community. She touched the lives of friends, neighbors and family, spending time with her grandchildren, teaching them about arts, music and taking them on their first volunteer experiences.

Ruth was a lifelong learner and continued these endeavors when she moved to

Rochester. She began playing the recorder, continued her sewing and quilting and in later years took up drawing and painting. Ruth taught her granddaughter Claire to sew and quilt, making historical period dresses as well as formal dresses for important events.

Ruth was an active member of the Meadow's community, volunteering in a variety of activities: sewing clothing for teddy bears given to children in the city schools, pet therapy with her trusted friend Barney, participating in many variety shows, working with her special friend Ed Nier arranging the Monday night Musicals and the learning series.

A Memorial Gathering and Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, June 15th, 11-12:30 PM at St. John's Meadows, 1 Johnsarbor Dr W, Rochester, in Chestnut Court, the Parks Room. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. John's Foundation, designated to St. John's Meadows Social Recreation, 150 Highland Avenue, Rochester, NY 14620. <https://www.stjohnsliving.org/donate>

Comments



“ Dearest Ruth, Thank you so much for being my friend. For being a person who I could talk to and listen in kind. You were one of my first friends at St. John's Meadows and I will always Cherish our talks and discussions and some of the walks with you and Barney outside. I am going to miss you so very much Ruth, my friend! Gods speed and know there are so many down here at work who miss you a great deal. It was an honor being your friend and your Security Officer. Love your friend,
Tim
David and family, my deepest and sincerest Condolences and prayer to you all. Tim

Tim Robbins - May 05 at 11:13 AM



“ David, Kathleen and family: My deepest sympathies go out to you all. David, your mother was a wonderful woman who was blessed with a loving family. Wishing you peace and comfort in this difficult time.
Love, Anne Van Ginkel

Anne Van Ginkel - May 04 at 08:22 PM