



Ruth Bernstein

May 15, 1928 - November 7, 2012

RUTH BERNSTEIN Age 84, a resident of Albuquerque, died Wednesday, November 7 at her home; in the presence of loved ones. She was preceded in death by her youngest daughter, Sharon Smoker; and her parents, H. J. and Mary Bernstein. She is survived by her children, Linda Smoker of Albuquerque, NM and Richard Smoker (wife, Julie Engelbrecht) of San Jose, CA; her son-in-law, Russell Wynn of Albuquerque, NM; her granddaughter, Chavella Aragon of Albuquerque, NM; her granddaughter, Melina Smoker, of San Jose, CA, her great-granddaughter, Selena Ramirez of Albuquerque, NM and her beloved grand-dog, 'Cacho'. Ruth was born in Marion, Indiana and moved to New Mexico in the 1950's. She loved New Mexico and considered herself an honorary native New Mexican. She particularly loved the history of New Mexico and was happiest when she was teaching others about New Mexico. She spent many enjoyable hours as a docent at the Albuquerque Museum and Casa San Ysidro and was able to pass on her knowledge to the many people she encountered. A private graveside service will be held with family members. Memorial contributions in Ruth's name may be made to: The Sharon Lee Smoker Nursing Scholarship Endowment, UNM Foundation, Inc., 700 Lomas Blvd., Two Woodward, Suite 108, Albuquerque, NM 87102; The Albuquerque Museum Foundation (to benefit Casa San Ysidro), P.O. Box 7006, Albuquerque, NM 87194 or the charity of your choice.

Tribute Wall

VI

“ I returned home today to learn of Ruth's passing. I am so sorry to hear this. I recently visited her and had hoped to pick her up for our ADK meetings. She meant a lot to me and I appreciated her willingness to help whenever I asked. She told me that she would be returning home soon and was very anxious to do so. I was not aware that she had been ill and was so shocked to hear of her passing. She is now home and I hope she will rest in peace. My prayers and thoughts go out to her family. Valerie Inklebarger

Valerie Inklebarger - November 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ To all who have signed the guest book and kept Ruth in your thoughts and prayers: Thank you from her family You can reach me at lindasmoker@hotmail.com

Linda Smoker - November 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ Ruth was a delightful, funny , brilliant woman. I will miss her .Marilyn RicheADK sister

marilyn riche - November 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ I was grateful for all the help Ruth gave me in planning my classes at Cleveland Middle School. She not only knew every book in the school library, she knew the contents of every book. Thank you, Ruth.

Janna Ashby - November 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ *Ruth, I enjoyed your friendship in ADK. My condolences to the family.*

Linda Mackie - November 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *I met Ruth when I was a caregiver for someone who lived at Atria. Ruth and I had a good time visiting with each other almost daily. I would wave to her every morning as she was out on her walk when I arrived. I then would often chat with her in the laundry room or going down the hall. She always had a good kind word for anyone she met. I never saw Ruth down. She will be missed by all that knew her. I never had a chance to meet her family but I will keep you in my Prayer's as you go through this difficult time. Sheri*

Sheri S. - November 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ *I met Ruth when I was a private caregiver for someone at Atria. Almost every morning Ruth was out walking when I was coming in. I always waved. Ruth and I would also talk in the laundry room when I would see her. She always had a smile on her face and kind words. She will be missed by everyone that knew her. Ruth it is not goodbye it is until we meet again. I will keep your family in my Prayer's as they find comfort. Sheri*

Sheri - November 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RG

“Ruth was a special friend of the UNM College of Nursing and her daughter, Sharon, was an alumna of our college. All of us in the college were very grateful to Ruth for her caring commitment to future nursing students in memory of Sharon. We will always remember her kindness and generosity as well as her important tribute to Sharon!

Rosemary R. Gregory - November 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MB

“Ruth was a good friend both in and away from the Museum, and she taught me things--- and I will miss her much. Her passing was not totally unexpected, but it is still a hard loss. My deepest condolences to all her family members. Please contact me by email if I can help you with anything, Michael Block

Michael Block - November 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MA

“Thanks for being my friend. Goodbye, Ruth

Marilyn - November 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

HT

“On behalf of the French Family of Companies, we would like to express our deepest condolences.

Harold Hamilton and Team - November 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM