



Ruth Goff

September 26, 1914 - March 1, 2013

Ruth was born September 26, 1914 in Nappanee, Indiana to Simon and Annora Schmucker. Ruth passed away on Friday, March 1, 2013 in Albuquerque, NM. Ruth's family moved to the Bellville, Texas area in 1918. She graduated from Texas Women's University in 1939 with a degree in Home Economics and completed her master's degree in 1949. Ruth married Del Deese in 1950. Daughter Susan was born in 1953. Though Ruth moved to New Mexico in 1954, she always considered herself a Texan, fondly remembering when Texans were Democrats and not Republicans. Nancy was born in Hobbs, NM in 1956. Ruth taught in Farmington, Kirtland, Cliff, and Alamogordo, NM where she was principal at Oregon Elementary School. Ruth retired in 1978 and moved to Las Cruces in 1985 and then to Albuquerque in 1990. Ruth was actively involved in retired teacher organizations serving as President of New Mexico Association of Educational Retirees. She also served on the board of the New Mexico Retiree Health Care Authority. She was always active in her church, especially with United Methodist Women. Ruth married Harold R. Goff in 1998; moving to Brookdale Valencia Senior Living in 2002. She received outstanding care by Brookdale Assisted Living staff since June 2010 and by Hospice de la Luz staff since November 2011, notably Dr. Ortega, Rosemary, and Lucas. Her parents, siblings, husbands, and daughter Nancy Tarazoff predeceased her. Ruth is survived by daughter Susan Deese-Roberts and son-in-law Charles 'Chuck' Roberts of Albuquerque; son-in-law Ron Tarazoff and grandson Anthony (Emma)

Tarazoff of Las Cruces; stepchildren Russell (Linda) Goff of Albuquerque; Lloyd `Goff (Debbie Livingston) of Aurora, CO; and Nancy Goff of Denver, CO. Services will be held at French's Mortuary, University Chapel on Friday, March 8 at 11:00 a.m. Graveside services will be held in Alamogordo, NM at Monte Vista Cemetery on Saturday, March 9 at 10:30 a.m. Donations may be made in Ruth's memory to Christ United Methodist Church, 6200 Gibson SE, Albuquerque, NM 87106 or Noonday Ministries, 101 Broadway Blvd. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87102.

Tribute Wall

CW

“*Mrs. Deese calmly reigned over the home where my friend (her daughter) Susan and I (and other friends) hung out, talked, listened to music, and danced at parties. She was a stately and dignified woman, but with a laughing, easy smile, in my memory. And, in retrospect, obviously patient with teenage daughters! My heart goes out to Susan and other family members for your loss. May you feel peaceful and at ease with her memory. Bless you all, Cherry Ferguson Weber*

Cherry Ferguson Weber - March 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PE

“*To the family and friends of Ruth Goff - my condolences. It was a blessing to have met and cared for Miss Ruth. God bless all of you.*

Peni - March 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BL

“*Fair winds and following seas to a great teacher of mine (1966) You drove home to me the fact that actions do have consequences. I will always remember you as a teacher who taught more than reading, writing and arithmetic.*

Buell Lindley - March 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ We were on a trip to Texas when Ruth passed away. I had no idea she was gone when I went to visit her at Brookdale on Tuesday, March 5. Ruth was, & will always be, one of my favorite people in the whole world. She will be greatly missed. Each time I visited her, I was the one who went away uplifted. We met at Christ United Methodist Church when she first moved to Albuquerque. In later years, my mother in law lived across the hallway from her at "Grand Court." Ruth was a very special lady & all who knew her were truly blessed. Love & Prayers, Jeanie Smith

Jeanie Smith - March 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

FT

“ Ruth will be greatly missed. I met Ruth years ago when she faithfully attended Sunday Services at Brookdale. She had so much joy and enthusiasm and loved attending the services. We all grew to love her and enjoyed listening to all the stories she told of her childhood and her teaching experiences. She deffinitely loved children, as well as each person she met. She was a special lady and shared the loves of Jesus by her life. She will be greatly missed each Sunday service. Praying the Lord will comfort your hearts.

Frances Tsoodle - March 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ Ruth had become my good friend over the time that I knew her, and I sure am going to miss her We had some good times together. My sincerest condolences to you for your loss. Love, Margil.

Margil Lyons - March 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BS

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

Buck Dyck and Staff - March 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM