



Ruthann Root

April 13, 1930 - May 4, 2015

Local resident Ruthann Root, and beloved wife of George Root, passed away May 4, 2015 at Regency Park Place in Corvallis after a lengthy illness.

Ruthann was born April 13, 1930 in Mansfield, Ohio to Perry Bush and Floda Eckerly Bush. The first in her family to attend college, Ruthann graduated from Ohio University with a B.S. in Elementary Education in 1952. Ruthann never forgot that her parents mortgaged their modest home to give her this opportunity. She was a good student and an active member of the Alpha Delta Pi sorority.

After a short stint as a 3rd grade teacher, Ruthann's older brother talked her into applying with an airline and she was hired by Trans World Airline. She loved this experience as a flight attendant in the days when air travel was a privilege and a luxurious experience in first class. At the end of her days as an air hostess, she returned to TWA as a reservationist and later as a sales agent with their computer reservation system, "Worldspan". Ruthann's patience, excellent work ethic and lovely personality made her an exemplary employee who was held in high regard by supervisors and customers alike. She met her husband, George, in Southern California and they were married on November 1, 1969 in Hemet, California. This fall they would have celebrated their 46th wedding anniversary.

George's children. (Lee Ann and Jon) and grandchildren quickly became "ours" as they adored Ruthann's inner beauty and sage mentoring. The first year after George and Ruthann married, their children presented her with an

award on Mother's Day that said, "Best Mother on Short Notice". She was a loving and attentive mother to her instant family; her passing leaves a void that cannot be filled.

Ruthann's parents and three siblings, (one brother and two sisters) preceded her in death. She is survived by her husband, George Talcott Root of Corvallis; our children, daughter, Lee Ann Ries, (Douglas) of Aurora, Oregon and son, Jon Root of Redwood City, CA; our grandchildren, Jennifer Castner Melion (Chad) of Calgary, Canada, Kathryn Sharman and Taylor Sharman of Lake Oswego, OR; our loving nieces, Victoria Dickson (David Ahlfeld), Shaleen Rawlings, Debbie Chucci (Ken); great-niece Amy Stevens (Peter Birk) and great-nephew, Buck Stevens (partner Inaki).

The family wishes to give special tribute to all those outside our family who gave so much physical and emotional support to Ruthann and George during the very difficult 2 ½ years of her illness: Longtime Corvallis residents and fellow classmates at Corvallis High School, Glee and Tom Butler; neighbors, Sue Woods Beitel (also CHS alum) and Vicki and Gary Moehler who would often leave food at the door with a note to "put this in the refrigerator"; Fran Dossett, expert private caregiver; Hospice volunteers, Penna and Brenda; Social Worker, Nancy and nursing staff; Corvallis County Club members and staff, as well as the Regency Park Place staff and the many caregivers who told family that Ruthann was "their favorite patient".

Ruthann requested that there be no services, but a Celebration of Life is planned for the near future. If desired, contributions may be made in Ruthann's name to Benton Hospice or any local animal shelter.

Please share your thoughts and memories for the family at www.demossturda.com

Tribute Wall

SR

“ I worked with Ruthann in LA reservations. She was always such a classy, giving woman. I am a better person as a result of knowing her. I know she is an angel for all of us.

susan Shepherd Rauch - May 17, 2015 at 01:18 PM



“ Love, love, love this lady! My thoughts and prayers for all of Ruthann's family. I worked with Ruthann in TWA Res and we continued to do some work together after transferred to Kansas City to train travel agents, many of whom were her customers. I was probably 19 when I met her. She set such a great example for me. She was always kind, always professional, so very knowledgeable and always willing to help. Kay described her perfectly: gracious.

Pamela Burns-Thomas - May 17, 2015 at 11:06 AM

KM

“ My deepest sympathy on the loss of one of the most gracious women I have ever met. It was a pleasure to walk in her shadow. Our time was too brief. May God be with you and may you be assisted through this journey of grief by lovely memories of your loved one who was so much to so many others outside your immediate family. She truly walked in grace and beauty.



Kay Hooper Messina - May 16, 2015 at 02:10 PM



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DeMoss-Durdan Funeral Home and Crematory - May 12, 2015 at 02:27 PM

SM

I was saddened to hear of Ruth Ann's passing. I worked closely with her for many years. She had a kind and gentle nature and was generous towards her fellow employees. She will be greatly missed.

Sylvia McBride - May 17, 2015 at 12:46 PM

DC

I met Ruthann when I joined the LAX Sales Office in 1986. At that point in her career she was a PARS co-ordinator, i.e., a sales/tech liaison between TWA and our partner PARS (Worldspan) travel agencies. I paid sales calls with her on several occasions, and was amazed and inspired by her quiet, reassuring, everything-is-gonna-be-okay way of getting everybody up to speed. She remembered EVERY agent's name, was well-liked by one and all, and represented TWA with grace, dignity and consummate professionalism. God bless, Ruthann!

David Craddock - May 17, 2015 at 01:45 PM

MR

Jon, I was saddened to see your Mom passed away. It has been many years since our time at OSU. We are now retired and I assume you are too. However we still stay very busy. Would enjoy hearing from you. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Always, Mike & Maxine Rainbolt (rainbolt@Comcast.net).

Michael Rainbolt - May 18, 2015 at 11:27 PM

SB

So sorry to read of Ruth Ann's passing. she and I went to school together in Mansfield Ohio. She was a great friend and a beautiful lady. We all had such good times together back in the day. I'll remember her with love. Sue Belle

Sue Boals - August 06, 2015 at 10:57 AM