



Ruth Irene (Watson) Andrews

September 15, 1925 - September 27, 2010

Ruth Irene “Watson” Andrews, 85, of Grand Ledge, MI., died on September 27, 2010 at Ingham Regional Assisted Living. Mrs. Andrews was born in Detroit, MI. September 15, 1925, and was the daughter of the late Andrew Watson and Eva Watson. A 1968 graduate of Michigan State University with a Masters Degree in Education, she was a former kindergarten teacher at Hickory Grove Elementary with more than thirty years of dedicated service in the Bloomfield Hills School District. Prior to moving to Grand Ledge 10 years ago, she made her home and lived for nearly 75 years in Birmingham, Michigan. Ruth was a member of Michigan Education Association, and the P. Buckley Moss Society “Michiganders. She was very supportive of the Birmingham Library and several local theatre and arts projects. Ruth was an avid knitter, reader, traveler, collector and dealer of antiques. Ruth was particularly proud of her work at Hickory Grove Elementary where she was a highly talented and creative educator” passionate about her work with children. In addition to her teaching responsibilities, she was the drama program advisor, staff coordinator for student talent shows and teacher representative for the student council. A caring and supportive mother and grandmother, that which meant the most to Ruth were her two sons, their wives and her four grandchildren. In addition to her parents and her ex-husband Robert Andrews, she was preceded in death by her oldest brother, Andrew Watson. Surviving are her older brother, Glen Watson, her two sons, Jeffery S. Andrews and wife Liz Pollock Andrews, of

Grand Ledge, MI., and Mark A. Andrews and wife Teresa Strickland Andrews, of Charlottesville, VA. She was lovingly known as "Nanny Ruth" to Maggie Y. Andrews Burnside, of Los Angeles, CA., Benjamin J. Andrews, of Grand Ledge, MI., Caleb P. Andrews, of Knoxville, TN., and Zachary G. Andrews, of Charlottesville, VA. Friends may join the family in Grand Ledge on Friday, November 26, 2010, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the home of her son on Candela Lane, and Saturday, Nov. 27, 2010 at 2:00 for a celebration of Ruth's life. The family would like to express heartfelt thanks to Elaine Ostling, RN of McLaren Visiting Nurse & Hospice as well as all the staff and caregivers at Ingham Regional Assisted Living for their kindness and sensitive care. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Therapeutic Adventures, Inc. a non-profit organization - educating and inspiring persons differing abilities, P.O. Box 4668, Charlottesville, VA. 22905 or to McLaren Visiting Nurse & Hospice, 2316 S. Cedar Street, Suite 600, Lansing, MI 48910. Arrangements are being handled by Holihan-Atkin Funeral Home. Online condolences may be made by visiting: www.holihanatkin.com

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“ Dear Mark, Jeff and families, We want you to know how sorry we are for your loss, and hope you will be comforted and sustained by the many wonderful memories you have of your mom. She was a lovely, giving lady who touched the lives of so many people. Her “good works” will continue to bloom for many years. Warmest regards, Charlotte and Dave##imported-begin##Charlotte Cole and David Cook##imported-end##

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“ We are sad at the passing of Ruth. She was a very vibrant and active person, who cared much for her family. She made a difference in many,many children's lives.Her long struggle has ended in peace. Our thoughts are with you all at this time.##imported-begin##Tom and Sherry Pollock##imported-end##

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“ Dearest Andrews Family, We were sad to hear of your mother's and grandmother's passing from this life. We send our heartfelt condolences and sympathies to each of you with our love.##imported-begin##Mike and Joanne##imported-end##

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“ So sorry to hear this, it was great meeting and talking with her last year. Gillian and my thoughts are with the whole family.##imported-begin##Christopher Allen##imported-end##

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“ We will miss Ruth at the holidays but will always have her in our hearts as we hang our stockings each season. Peace be with you.##imported-begin##Lisa, David, Zach and Dustin##imported-end##

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“ Jeff and Liz - my condolences to you and your family. The passing of one's parent is always difficult no matter what the circumstances. Ruth was a lovely lady and touched the hearts of many people in her lifetime. I'll keep you and your family in my prayers.##imported-begin##Barbara Tuersdell##imported-end##

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“ You are all in my thoughts and prayers today and those ahead. I will always remember Ruth as a strong and talented woman. Such a classy lady, with two great sons! Love you guys.....Barb##imported-begin##Barb Wynalda##imported-end##

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“ Jeff & Liz; I am so sorry to hear of the passing our your mother. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Mary DuBois##imported-end##

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“ Dear Mark, Jeff and families,After knowing Ruth for so many years it is difficult for me to think that she is gone. She was one of the most creative teachers I had the privilege of knowing. She would do anything for the kids and would let nothing stop her.But above all was her love and pride in her sons and their families. She was very devoted to each of you. She always had a story to tell about your activities and accomplishments.Working with Ruth is one of my fondest memories of my time at Hickory Grove.I hope you find comfort in knowing that she is now at peace.She will be in my prayers.Jim Felix##imported-begin##Jim Felix##imported-end##

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