



Ann G. Ryan

July 24, 1934 - May 11, 2024

Ann Garbutt Ryan of Ft Collins, Colorado died from an extended illness on May 11, 2024.

Ann was born in 1934, grew up in Sheridan, Wyoming, a town founded by her great-grandfather John D. Loucks. Her father, Judge Philip S. Garbutt and mother, Violet Cermak Garbutt raised Ann along with her twin sister Beth and her older sister Nancy. She attended Sheridan schools and was her high school Homecoming Queen in 1952. She attended Sheridan College and went on to graduate from the University of Wyoming with a degree in fine art. She married a fellow student, Alfred Johnson. The couple settled in Ft Collins where they raised three children and where Ann taught art at Boltz, Lincoln and Leshar junior high schools.

Ann was a prolific artist who would try her hand at anything and master it. She loved painting but also did stained glass windows and slumped glass dinnerware. She was skilled at cartooning and designing cards. Holidays and birthdays were special because you could always expect a hand drawn card from Ann. She was an amateur historian and wrote a book based on historical letters of extended family members. She enjoyed travels in Europe and India and went rafting down the Colorado River, she enjoyed playing bridge and cooking and the family cabin in Story, Wyoming and her dog Stella. She enjoyed her friends and her Terry Shores neighborhood and her neighbors.

Ann was preceded in death by her second husband Ray Ryan and her first husband Alfred Johnson as well as her sister Nancy Newton. She is survived by her twin sister and best friend, Beth Garbutt-Bredehoeft of Sausalito, California and by her three children: Brad Johnson of Ballston Spa, NY, Eric Johnson of Greeley, CO and Beth Lin Johnson of Aurora, CO as well as grandsons Kit Johnson of Chengdu, China and Evan Johnson of Denver.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, July 27, 2024, from 10am to Noon at the home of Don and Leigh, 3605 Terry Ridge Road, Fort Collins CO 80524.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUL **27**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (MT)

Don and Leigh's Home
3605 Terry Ridge Road
Fort Collins, CO 80524-1662

Tribute Wall

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“ *Ann was a kind and inspiring woman. She took me in and shared her home for 6 months when I went through a tough life transition. Her support and care really helped me regain strength to take the next step!*

Sending love to her Soul and to her Family & Friends ❤️❤️❤️

Sapna Patel - January 01, 2025 at 05:52 PM

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“ *Mrs. Ryan was my art teacher 7th-9th grade at Lincoln. She was also my tennis coach there. I was just playing tennis last week and told my husband about a time she was so proud of me for beating a girl who was 6 feet tall at Blevins. Another memory was her pride in my painting of Windsor Castle that was a close finisher to be purchased by Lincoln. She was a warm and nurturing teacher and will be fondly missed. I serve as art coordinator at my school in San Antonio, Texas, and can't help but think Mrs. Ryan contributed her talent to my art education. Rest in beautiful peace, Mrs. Ryan!*
Christina (Wier) Wood

Christina Wier Wood - July 19, 2024 at 09:39 PM

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“ *She was my art teacher in 1975. Loved her.*

Karyn Tietz - July 19, 2024 at 05:01 PM