



Ruth Ellen Wood Bradley

October 30, 1951 - July 16, 2013

Ruth was born on October 30, 1951 to Theodore Ted and Flora Ann Wood, in Glendale, California. She passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by her family and close friends on July 16, 2013. Ruth was raised in Burbank, along with her three sisters, Ann Hand, Mary Forsen, and Carol Ruth was #3.

Having starred as "Marion the Librarian" in *The Music Man*, Ruth graduated Burbank High School in 1969. In 1970, while traveling and performing with the Southern California Youth Chorale in Japan, she met her new best friend and soul mate, Quinton "Corky" Bradley. She instantly became the love of his life. They were married in Hacienda Heights in 1973, and lived in Whittier prior to moving to Irvine, CA.

Blessings came into their lives when, in 1982 Aaron Quinn Bradley was born. And, in 1990, Zachary David Bradley completed their family unit. Ruth spent most of her professional career as a Commercial Property Manager; at one point managing tenant relations at the largest mall in Orange County: South Coast Plaza. The Bradley family moved to Fort Collins in 1993 Ruth's idea!, where she worked in customer relations at Larrabee's, until they closed. From then on, Ruth would just say she was a "kept woman".

Ruth enjoyed gardening, going to the gym, traveling, and cooking, as well as spending time with dear friends. Ruth is survived by her sons Aaron and Zachary, Husband Corky, sisters Ann, Mary, and Carol, and Cooper, her Westie. As the end of her short life rapidly approached, family and friends gathered to remember and tell stories, laugh, cry, sing, and toast the

wonderful times that were shared with Ruth. Since we know that she was nearby and could hear this, we know that it was the perfect way to celebrate her life and influence on the Earth. Ruth believed that we are all of the same Spirit, and exemplified love, joy, inclusiveness, and respect for all life. She will be dearly missed by everyone who was blessed to know her. In lieu of flowers, if you wish to make a donation, please do so in Ruth's name to the American Cancer Society, The family would also like to thank the incredible doctors and staff at the University of Colorado Hospital, Aurora, the Fort Collins Center for Neurorehabilitation Services, and Accent Care Hospice.

Tribute Wall

EC

“ I had an impulse to search for Ruth and sadly found her here. We met in Whittier when I was in college and she worked in the same office building where I had a part time job. We became friends and visited in their home in Irvine in the 70's. She was such a lovely person, and such a gardener! We lost touch.
So sorry! Elaine Clough

Elaine Clough - May 11 at 05:05 PM

TH

“ Ruth always had such a kind and fun spirit. I met her the Southern California Youth Chorale in 1971 while on a trip to Europe. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Terry Hamilton - December 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ Corky, I ran across this today and wanted to let you know how much I along with my first husband Bruce Shetland appreciated you as neighbors in our little bungalow area. So glad we got to see you one time after you moved to Irvine. My thoughts are with you. I lost my dear husband, John Downing, two years ago. Our joy is in the memories.

Robyn Bailey Downing - December 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Dear Bradley Family, You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Dierdre Cook - August 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MH

“Corky and Family: Ruth was a very special woman and will be missed by everyone who knew her. She was always upbeat even during her illness. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers. Madeline and Bob, FedEx drivers

Madeline Holzman - July 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JU

“Dear Corky & Family I am so sorry you have lost Ruth. She was a great lady and I always enjoyed our visits. I loved her infectious laugh. I will miss her and will always remember my favorite neighbor. With Love Judy & Bud

judyfaris - July 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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judyfaris - July 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *Being with Ruth was always a joyous experience. Her smile and laugh were infectious and brightened my day. My thoughts and prayers to her wonderful family.*

Jim Cox - July 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CJ

I knew a Corky and Ruth once and was in a group trip to Hawaii with them in the early 80's. Could they have made such a trip? Recalling this, I was inspired to look them up and found your wife, mom, sister. They had a stamp they put on postcards. "This is the only postcard we are sending Love Corky & Ruth " My sympathies. Carolyn Johnson. Carolynjean30@gmail.com

carolyn johnson - July 29, 2025 at 07:42 AM