



Ruth Annette Webster

November 1, 1923 - February 9, 2021

Ruth Annette Webster, 97, of Traverse City, passed away on Tuesday, February 9, 2021. Ruth Elliott was born on November 1, 1923 in Pontiac, Michigan to the late Clifford and Anna (Johnson) Elliott. She married Robert B. Webster in May of 1952. He preceded her in death in 1957.

Ruth had a strong work ethic. She owned and operated WebsterWood Resort on Long Lake for many years and during the winters worked at various gift shops.

She was so creative with flowers and using natural materials to make pine cone wreaths and arrangements. The birthday cakes she made for the family were extra special, most memorably a castle cake with a drawbridge made of chocolate, an island with a beach, boat and candy rocks and a treasure chest made out of chocolate that you could open.

Ruth found joy in hosting students from the Interlochen Arts Academy forming a life long bond with several of them.

She especially loved living on Long Lake. She enjoyed watching the sunsets from the dock, listening to the loons and swimming in the lake. She loved nature and could be found outside raking leaves even into her nineties.

She is survived by two daughters and a son; Daryl Webster, Tamara Webster and David (Jan) Webster as well as four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son-in-law, Douglas Jordan, two brothers and three sisters.

In accordance with Ruth's wishes cremation has taken place. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be directed to the Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy.

She was such a sweet person and will be missed.

Comments



“ I recently heard of Ruth’s passing. I’m sorry for your loss. Ruth and I crossed paths many, many years ago. I was hired by the YMCA through my schools co-op program. Ruth and I connected immediately. She was a fun, friendly, loving lady. She invited me to stay in one of her cabins after graduation for a few days with a girlfriend. We had a great time and Ruth was a big part of that fun. Unfortunately I ventured off to college and we lost touch. She was such a lovely lady! I hope your wonderful memories bring you peace.

Brenda Schlueter Harrelson

Brenda Harrelson - March 25 at 08:07 AM



“ Ruth was like a second mother to me when I grew up. She has three children with whom I played with many a long day at their place. I recently remembered her talent at cake decorating when I saw one my niece had made. She made a lot of things from pine cones to cattails. She was very talented!!

Janet Wilson Oliver

Jan Oliver - February 12 at 03:34 PM