



Ruth E. Wheelock

June 10, 1929 - December 8, 2012

Ruth Evelyn Wheelock, 83, of Traverse City, passed away peacefully in her sleep on Saturday, December 8, 2012 at Munson Hospice House.

Ruth was born June 10, 1929, to the late Andrew and Laudra (Snyder) Mattison of Cadillac. In her teenage years she was diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis, and her Christian faith kept her strong and helped her endure many years of the effects of this disease. Ruth was married to Leonard Wheelock and together they raised three sons. Throughout her life, her sons always remained her priority, and in recent years her grandchildren and great-grandchildren brought her much pride and joy. Ruth retired from Milliken Medical Center after many years as Office Manager. She was grateful for her many blessings, and for that reason she regularly donated to multiple charities and to those less fortunate.

Ruth is survived by her longtime companion, Edward Bennett; her sons, Gregory Doornbos, Daniel Doornbos and his wife Tammy of Traverse City, and Dennis Doornbos of Grand Rapids; her grandchildren, Andrew Doornbos and his wife Melissa, Jenna Doornbos, and Christopher Doornbos; and her great-granddaughters Madison and Lily Doornbos. She was preceded in death by her parents and husband, Leonard Wheelock. At Ruth's request, no formal services will be held. Interment will be at the Maple Hill Cemetery in Cadillac, next to her late husband. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Arthritis Foundation, 3737 Lake Eastbrook SE #217, Grand Rapids, MI 49546-5989 or by visiting <http://www.arthritis.org>

A special thank you to Dr. Warnaar, Dr. VanderKolk, and Dr. Mikula, as well as the nurses and aides at Munson Medical Center ER, ICU, 7th and 4th Floors, Grand Traverse Pavillion Rehab, and Munson Hospice for your care and compassion throughout the last weeks of her life.

Please share your condolences and thoughts with the family by way of Ruth's online guest book at tribute page at <http://www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com>

The family is being served by Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

Cemetery

Maple Hill Cemetery

Cadillac, MI, 49601

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Jenna Doornbos - December 14, 2012 at 05:13 PM



“ It was an honor to know Ruth. She was a part of our extended family and was a wonderful person. She endured her hardships in life with grace and dignity, and she will be missed. My heartfelt condolences to all of her family members during this difficult time.

Tim Jackson, Chicago, IL

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“ I first met Ruth in the early 1950's in Cadillac., We were young and formed a group of approximately eight of us gals, meeting in each other's homes.. We simply called our every-other-week get-together "Club." It was the only group I ever was part of where we had no purpose but to talk, share, laugh and eat. We became life-long friends and Ruth and I kept in touch through the long years especially after we both moved to the Traverse City area. As we aged I'm sorry not to have kept closer contact the past couple years, and am sad to read of her passing. God bless her and grant peace and release from all suffering. She was a fine person and will be missed, I'm glad to have known her. Elsie Randall

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