



Ruth Hathaway Garrison

October 27, 2010

Ruth Hathaway Garrison, 81, was called home on October 27. She was predeceased by her husband, Jack and her 1st husband, Richard Anderson and son, Gregory who were lost in a boating accident.

She is survived by her daughter, Pam Atkins and her husband, Keith; grandchildren, Jeff Thompson, Joan Thompson and Billy Atkins Kandis; 4 great-grandsons, Xzander, Gavin, Brayden and Grayson; sister Joyce Jordan Chuck and a large number of family and friends.

Ruth was a teacher in Hampton, Norfolk Co., VA Beach, and Chesapeake. She was known locally and nationally for her artwork and waterfowl/bird carvings.

She was a member of St. Christopher's Episcopal Church. Services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Monday with burial to follow at Meadowbrook Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers memorial donations can be made to St. Christopher's Episcopal Church, 3300 Cedar Lane Portsmouth, VA 23703

Tribute Wall



“ I am so sorry that I could not attend the services but time is not always our own to do with as we choose. So many memories have come flooding back since I got the word. Wow! I empathize with the pain you feel now. I pray that you will soon be able to look back, as I am able to do at my father's life, and do nothing but smile at a life well lived and shared with others. There can be nothing finer. We all see things differently, but what I remember of her was a warm smile and a quiet chuckle. Chan Turner##imported-begin##Chan Turner##imported-end##

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“ I had Mrs. Garrison for Art at Western Branch, great teacher and very patient with her students, god bless her family##imported-begin##colleen conery robinson##imported-end##

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“ I'm sorry to hear of Mrs. Garrison's death. She was always very kind and was very proud of her students' accomplishments. My mother Wanda Corey worked in the school as well so I will be sure to let her know. May God bless your family at this sad time.##imported-begin##Mary Lee Corey Hobbs##imported-end##

October 31, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Mrs Garrison was always a favorite teacher of mine. She never made me stay within the lines. : She encouraged me to draw as I wanted and not as others expected.

Thanks Mrs Garrison for having faith in me..

Margie Smith Western Branch 1974###imported-begin###Margie Smith Dyson###imported-end##

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“ You know each of you are in my heart. This is the end of an era, Grandma Ruth was one of a kind. She was a true lady. But she will live on in each of us. As the lessons she taught us by example are written on our hearts. I will see all of you on Monday.###imported-begin###marylou mcalpine###imported-end##

October 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Pam, Keith and Family

Our thoughts and prayers are with your and your family. Your mom was an excellent teacher and set a wonderful example for all of us. I hope it is a comfort to you knowing she is in a better place.

Terry & Randy Caviness###imported-begin###Terry Caviness###imported-end##

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“ Mrs. Garrison was my favorite teacher in school. I looked foward to seeing her at the local art shows after graduation. I think of her often and always hoped to see her again. My thoughts are with you.##imported-begin##Lisa Bowen Asaro##imported-end##

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