



Ruth Ann Peterson

October 5, 1937 - September 11, 2015

Ruth Peterson of Bloomington, Indiana passed away peacefully at her home on September 11, 2015. She was born on October 5, 1937 in Woodstock, Illinois to the late Jerome L. and Margaret G. Johnson.

Ruth grew up in Capron, Illinois and was a proud member of the North Boone High School Class of 1955 and her classmates remained friends for life. Ruth attended Lawrence University in Appleton, Wisconsin and studied music at the Conservatory.

She finished her undergraduate degree at the University of Illinois.

Following graduation Ruth was an elementary school teacher. A gifted vocalist, she also was a member of the chorus of the Lyric Opera of Chicago.

In 1961 Ruth married Bryce R. Peterson. They moved to Newark, Ohio in 1969 and raised their family there. Ruth was a soloist in the Adult Choir of the Second Presbyterian Church of Newark. She was also a member of Monday Talks, Progressive Club and the P.E.O. sisterhood.

Ruth delighted in her family. She was a devoted mother to Lisa and John and a loving grandmother to Abby, Charlie, Kate and Gabriel.

She was preceded in death by her husband Bryce R. Peterson, sister Janette L. Johnson and her parents.

Survivors include sister Lorraine Carmichael of Belvidere, IL; daughter Lisa Peterson Hackley and son-in-law John Hackley of Columbus, OH; son John Peterson and daughter-in-law Rebecca Peterson and grandchildren Abigail, Charlie, Kate and Gabriel Peterson of Indianapolis, IN.

A funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m on Saturday September 19, 2015 at the Capron Lutheran Church, 155 South Second Street, Capron, Illinois with Pastor Jessica Harren officiating.

The family will receive friends at the church beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Memorials may be made to the P.E.O. Foundation, 3700 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50312.

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory 4155 South Old State Road 37 is handling the arrangements and online condolences may be sent to the family at www.allenfuneralhome.org.

Tribute Wall

TP

“ John we are so sorry to hear of your mother's passing. However her legacy lives on in you and your beautiful family that you and Becky work so hard to keep thriving. We are praying for peace and strength during this difficult time. - The Purcell Family

The Purcell Family - October 26, 2015 at 03:57 PM

PA

“ We extend to you our sincere sympathy as we learn of the death of Ruth. Ruth and Jan will be sorely missed. They were both so filled with life, energy and joy; most importantly their childhood faith in the Savior sustained them throughout their lives. Both women, by their words and actions, testified to God's love for them in Christ. May His undying resurrection love be your comfort and consolation now and always.

Pastor Mitchell - October 26, 2015 at 03:57 PM

BA

“ Words cannot express my sympathy for your loss. I was so glad that I was able to visit in August. Ruth and I talked and talked. She shared with me her pride in her children and grandchildren. What a difficult time for her family and friends. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Barb Kirschner - October 26, 2015 at 03:57 PM

CO

“ *John and Lisa...I was so very sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. I have many fond memories of soccer games and sleep overs where your mother made me feel like I was her son too. "Mrs. P" was a very special lady with a smile and a laugh that will be sorely missed. I have you and your families in my thoughts and stand ready to help you any way I may. --Corey Jeffries*

Corey Jeffries - October 26, 2015 at 03:57 PM

GP

“ *Dear Lisa and John We extend our sympathy and prayers to your families.. Your Mother and Father were a special couple. I was shocked to see that Jan had also passed on...Hugs from Ohio and Newark*

Georgia & Bob Porter - October 26, 2015 at 03:57 PM

SA

“ *Dear Friends and family of Ruth Peterson. I was a neighbor in Peppergrass. Ruth was always so interesting to talk to and interested in what others had to say. I will miss her. Please accept my deepest sympathy.*

Sandra Dolby - October 26, 2015 at 03:57 PM

PH

“ *John and Family,*

We're so sorry to hear about your mother's passing. She was a very special lady that always made us all feel so special whenever we talked as both children and adults. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers, and Newark and Second Presbyterian Church will always remember and cherish her!

Phil Frye and Family

Phil Frye - October 26, 2015 at 03:57 PM

PE

“ *Saddened by the passing of a many-talented and wonderful lady. Prayers for all the family. I treasure my connection with you all.*

Peg Albertson - October 26, 2015 at 03:57 PM

JJ

“ *Lisa and John.....*

How very sorry we are to hear of your Mom's passing.....we have such wonderful memories of our time together in Newark. Sending you and your families our deepest sympathy and love. You are in our prayers...

Jean and Joe Jones - October 26, 2015 at 03:57 PM

SH

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. I have such good memories of Ruth when we were in the Conservatory at Lawrence and especially hearing her lovely voice. She had such a vibrant personality that affected everyone who knew her. I am so glad we were able to be together for the reunion in 2013. My thoughts and prayers are with your family.*

Shirley Steiner - October 26, 2015 at 03:57 PM

DO

“ Beloved family members of Ruth (especially children, Lisa and John),

I was saddened to hear at worship yesterday morning about Ruth's passing. It has been a difficult year for your lovely family. I got to know Ruth through Jan, and what lovely women they both were. I will remember them fondly and am comforted by knowing they knew the Risen Lord and His grace.

God's blessings on the entire family at this difficult time, Doug

Doug Hoffman - October 26, 2015 at 03:57 PM

AN

“ So sorrow for the loss of your mother. Prayers and hugs from the west coast.
Anna

Anna Leslie - October 26, 2015 at 03:57 PM

PM

“ Lisa and family,
So very sorry for your loss. Your mother will remain always in your heart and live in your memories. Time will help heal the pain.
Keeping you in our thoughts and prayers. God bless. Pam & Marty.

Pam and Marty Boratyn - October 26, 2015 at 03:57 PM

RU

“ Lisa, so very, very sorry for your loss. May she be out of pain and in peace. "...but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."

Love you.

Ruth

Ruth Sherlock - October 26, 2015 at 03:57 PM