



## Ruth Carolyn Mnich

September 27, 1940 - July 22, 2010

Ruth Carolyn Mnich (nee Outlaw), 69, of Bloomington, began her journey to Heaven on Thursday July 22, 2010 at 10:15 after a lengthy illness at Bell Trace Rehabilitation Facility surrounded by her husband, Wayne; her three children Mark of Olathe, Kansas; Michael of Olathe Kansas; Melissa of Bloomington; and her mother, Mrs. Nancy Outlaw of Ahoskie, North Carolina. Ruth was born in Aulander, North Carolina on September 27, 1940 to Mr. and Mrs. Wayland Outlaw. She was preceded in death by her father and a sister. Ruth attended Gallaudet University, the world's only liberal university in the world for the deaf in Washington, D.C.. There, she met her future husband, Wayne and were married on June 12, 1960. They recently celebrated their Golden Anniversary at Bell Trace after 50 years of sharing life's journey. Wayne, recently retired from Indiana University as a Clinical Lecturer in the Speech and Hearing Sciences Department. Ruth was an academic teacher and a homemaker for many years. She leaves behind a large and extended family who will miss her beautiful fawn-colored eyes and her always perpetual smile. Ruth leaves her husband, Wayne of Bloomington; Mark and Peggy Mnich of Olathe, Kansas and three sons: Andrew, Chad, and Jared; Mike and Kristy Mnich of Olathe, Kansas and two sons: Colby and Roper; Melissa and Jason Sunderland of Bloomington and their two daughters: Courtney and Jennifer. (Courtney is serving in the U.S. Army and will be deployed soon). In addition to her mother, Mrs. Nancy Outlaw of Ahoskie, N.C., she leaves behind a brother Scott and Lisa Outlaw of Ahoskie, N.C. and their two sons:

Brian and Blake. She also leaves a sister, Sandra Meyers and her son: Matthew of Hampton, Georgia. Ruth was blessed with countless nieces and nephews who all will miss their "Grandmother." A Mass of Christian Burial will be held for Ruth On Monday July 26, 2010 at 1:00PM at St Charles Borromeo Catholic Church 2222 East Third Street where she and Wayne were members. Visitation will also be held at St. Charles on Monday from 11:00AM until the time of the Mass at 1:00PM. Allen Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

LA

“ Dear Family, You probably won't know who I am and I'm sorry that I didn't get to know Carolyn. If she was anything like her mother, Nancy, she surely must have been a treasure. My father, Woodrow Lowe was Nancy's first company. Please accept my sincere condolences in your time of sorrow.

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**Larry Lowe** - March 22, 2013 at 08:20 AM

BE

“ Dear Family,

*I know that you won't know who I am but I would like to offer my condolences to all of you at this time. Her mother and my mother were first cousins. Nancy lives in Ahuskie and I see her from time to time. She was at our Lowe family reunion on July 4th. She is such a special lady. I remember Carolyn as a child when we would have the Lowe ancestral reunion at Aunt Effie's home in Aulander. She was just a couple of years older than me. I remember her as a beautiful teenager.*

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**Bettie Walston** - March 22, 2013 at 08:20 AM

RA

“ Our Sincere Condolences to you and your family.

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**Ron & Alma Stanford** - March 22, 2013 at 08:20 AM

DR

“ Dear Mnich Family,

*A few years ago I had Dr. Wayne as my professor for sign language class.*

*I will never forget the first day of class. He told of his years as a teacher, surviving cancer himself and his devotion to his wife Ruth and children.*

*Then, he passed out a xerox copy of the bird trying to eat a frog with a caption underneath reading "Don't Ever Give Up." (I still have that xerox copy in my own office reminding me every day not to give up.)*

*My own father had passed away not long before Dr. Wayne class, along with a lot of other personal problems I had at that time.*

*But because of Dr. Wayne I started healing myself and look forward to his classes, because he was very inspired person that enjoyed teaching.*

*Later on, when Ruth came to our facility, I was even more glad I had taken his class to help Ruth once in a while with her needs, whenever I could.*

*Though I only work part-time at Bell Trace, I would try and go and see how she was doing when I arrived at work. And boy did she love her coffee and "Ruffle" chips. haha.*

*There were a couple of times when Bell Trace was under a storm warning and we had to get the patients out of the rooms as a precaution.*

*Going up and down the halls I gave blankets out and snacks for the patients. Ruth was very understanding always smiling every time I came around. I would sign to her "Thank-you for being so patient with me. She just smiled and said, "Your a good person."*

*I thanked her and not long afterwards helped her back along with others to their rooms when the storm was clear and we knew it was safe.*

*Like Dr. Wayne, I was very inspired by her courage and strenght she gave during her illness. She was a very special lady, and one I will never forget.*

*I am so sorry to here of your loss but feel fortunate enough to have known your family.*

*God Bless You All, as my prayers and thoughts go out to you.*

*Sincerely,*

*Diana Lynn Robinson*

*Former Sign Language Student/Receptionist at Bell Trace Health and Living Center.*

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**Diana Lynn Robinson** - March 22, 2013 at 08:20 AM