



Ruth Young Brogneaux

November 18, 2011

Ruth Louise Young Brogneaux died on Friday November 18, 2011 at the Meadowood Health Pavilion in Bloomington. She was preceded in death by her parents, Merrie Maude Cowles Young and Charles Franklin Young, and her siblings Nellie Mae. James Franklin, and Samuel Maurice, as well as her beloved husband. John Pierre Brogneaux.

Ruth is survived by daughters Patricia Jeanne Brogneaux Brennan (CDR Michael John) of Annandale. Virginia, and Diana Lynn Brogneaux Yoder (Frank Wallace Yoder, M.D.) of Dublin, Ohio. She is also survived by seven grandchildren: Kathleen Brennan Chappell (Steve), Sheila Brennan Wetherell (Ed), Mary-Clare Brennan Veteto (Jonathan), Michael P. Brennan (Amy), Megan B. Brennan. John W. Yoder (Jenny), and Benjamin Y. Yoder (Lori). In addition are great-grandchildren: Merrie and Emily Chappell,

Thomas and Elizabeth Wetherell, Rowan Mary Veteto. Luke and Jillian Brennan, Matthew and Stephen Yoder, and Ava Grace, Jaiden Ann and the upcoming January birth of Samantha Ruth.

Ruth graduated from Mount Auburn High School in Shelby County, Indiana.

and received a B.A. with distinction in her triple majors of English, music

and physical education from Ball State Teachers' College in Muncie,

Indiana. She was also a member and president of Psi Theta social sorority.

Following 12 years of piano lessons. and prior to attending Ball State, she

was an invited guest to perform classical piano selections on an

Indianapolis radio station. While at Ball State. she held numerous jobs to

earn her tuition, her favorite being the alto member of a musical trio that

collaborated with a local dance band. It was there, also. that she met her

future husband, John.

Following their marriage on June 3. 1936, Ruth taught physical education

and health for three years at Shelbyville High School. In addition, she

directed the junior and senior choirs, taking the junior high

school choir to a first-place win in Indiana state competition. After settling into the Bloomington community, Ruth became a charter member of the Bloomington Hospital Auxiliary, the Local Council of Women, eventually becoming its president, and a member of the Bloomington Hospital Board, holding various offices and becoming its president. She was a member of the Circle of Friends, comprised of former presidents of the Bloomington Hospital Board, and she volunteered for 28 years for the Bloomington Hospital. In addition, she became extremely involved as a member of the First Christian Church of Bloomington and was one of the first two female elders of the church. She was also joined by women of two other local churches in establishing the Opportunity House of Bloomington. As well, Ruth was active in the University Women's Club of Indiana University, and the Daughters of the American Revolution.

In her spare time, she was a substitute teacher of English at Bloomington South High School for 10 years, and worked for the Indiana University

School of Education editing the presented Master's Degree theses.

She

enjoyed her pastimes of reading, playing the piano, listening to classical

music and was an avid golfer at the Bloomington Country Club, where she

won a number of tournaments. In addition, she enjoyed bowling, playing

bridge and poker and she took great pleasure in the offerings of Indiana

University, from sports to theater. Her greatest joy, however, was traveling

the world with John and their many friends. Ruth cherished her family and

her multitude of friends, both in Bloomington and Naples, Florida, where

she and John "wintered" for 28 years.

Ruth's family extends their deepest thanks to her physician,

Thomas

Sharp, M.D, the nursing staff of the Bloomington Hospital,

and,

especially, the skilled and incredibly caring nursing staff of the

Meadowood Health Pavilion.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in her name to

the

Bloomington Hospital, the First Christian Church of Bloomington.

Indiana,

the Indiana University Foundation, Jill's House. or the charity of
your
choice. A Celebration of Life will be held for Ruth at the First
Christian
Church 205 East Kirkwood Avenue in Bloomington on Tuesday
November
22, 2011 at 11:00AM Allen Funeral Home is handling the
arrangements
and online condolences may be sent to the family at
www.allenfuneralhome.org.

Tribute Wall

GE

“ Beginning a few weeks ago we tried to make contact with Ruth. No dice! I was told by the receptionist at Meadowood that "Ruth is not at home", with no further information available. That is when I left a phone message on Patty and Mike's voice mail, worrying that something was wrong.

Then Tine and I left town on Nov. 17, returning today (Thanksgiving Day) to realize that we missed her passing, and the service as well.

Her obituary is *WONDERFUL*, and it told me a lot about why I admired her so much!

Love, to all, George and Tine

George Malacinski - March 22, 2013 at 08:18 AM

DS

“ Ruth was full of energy and a joy to be around. We met Ruth and John at Sheila and Ed's wedding. They enjoyed dancing and having a fun time. We express our sympathy to the family and our prayers are with you.

Dan and Shirley Wetherell

Dan & Shirley Wetherell - March 22, 2013 at 08:18 AM

DW

“ Your mother and father were always two of the brightest and most fun people among my parents' friends. I miss them both.
Donna

Donna Waters Boles - March 22, 2013 at 08:18 AM

RB

“ We were so happy to be friends and neighbors of Ruth and John here at Meadowood. We share your loss and send our sympathy and love. As you remarked, "Ruth is now in a better place, with John" Dr.'s appointments will prevent us from being with you in person tomorrow, but our thoughts and prayers for you will be there.
Love, Betty and Rudy

Rudy & Betty Rudolph - March 22, 2013 at 08:18 AM

GE

“ *Diana & Family,*

I was sad to hear of your mother's passing -- when we visited at the recent U-School Reunion, you wondered aloud if the end weren't near. As I told you that night, I still miss my mother terribly, but your Mom had a very active, accomplished, and happy life. Please take comfort in knowing that and also that she is no longer suffering.

My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Love,

Georganne

Georganne Binnie - March 22, 2013 at 08:18 AM

TB

“ Our thoughts are with you as you celebrate the wonderful life of a special lady. We have so many happy memories of both Ruth and John as a couple and as individuals. They both lived life to the fullest-something we would all hope for. We are truly glad we knew them both as they impacted the lives of so many people. It is never easy to have your parents die whatever the circumstances or age, but all those happy memories live with you forever and bring them close to you in so many ways each day. We are sorry we can not be there to honor Ruth and express to you our sympathy in person. We are in South Carolina for the holidays, but will be thinking of you.
Love, Betty & Tony Mobley

Tony and Betty Mobley - March 22, 2013 at 08:18 AM

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“ My deepest sympathy is with the entire Brogneaux family.

Charles (Bill) Meiser - March 22, 2013 at 08:18 AM