



Ruth Alice Brockmann

January 21, 1955 - July 9, 2013

Ruth Alice Brockmann January 21, 1955 July 9, 2013 Ruth Alice Brockmann, age 58, died on July 9, 2013 at home in Vancouver, WA. Ruth was born January 21, 1955, in Vancouver, WA, one of five children of George and Lillian Brockmann. Ruth graduated from Fort Vancouver High School in Vancouver. After studying at Clark Community College and The Evergreen State College, Ruth began a small business selling handmade leather crafts and later studied the art of creating stained glass windows. Her connections in the stained glass field led her to collaborate with others to re-discover the ancient art of kiln-fused glass. She assisted and taught several courses at Pilchuck Glass School and Camp Colton Glass Program. Starting in 1982 she designed and created a series of glass masks depicting various emotions and/or aspects of nature. Later her Tree of Life series depicted aspects of nature and spirituality emphasizing the interconnectedness of all things. Her pieces were displayed and sold in galleries and museums around the country. She also has a piece in the permanent collection at Corning Museum of Glass in New York. In addition to her gallery work, she designed and created many architectural glass commissions in the Pacific Northwest, including pieces for the Oregon Arts Commission, the Washington Arts Commission (which has 18 of her works in their personal collection), and the Driftwood Library in Lincoln City, OR. Two local commissions are at the Portland State Office Building in Portland (two large murals of "A Legend of Multnomah Falls" and "The Bridge of the Gods"), and at Shahala Middle School in Vancouver ("Singing the Souls

Home"). Many of the larger installations were collaborations with Hal Bond, her partner of 25 years. Ruth is survived by three siblings, Kathie Brockmann of Vancouver, Bob Brockmann (wife Bunny), of Tumwater, and John Brockmann (wife Cathy), of Olympia. In a remarkable coincidence attributable only to divine intervention, Ruth passed away on the same day (about 12 hours before), as her older brother Bruce Brockmann of Olympia, WA. They shared a very special connection and needed each other for their final journey together. They were surrounded by loving family and friends when they passed. Ruth was always fond of Pablo Picasso's quote: "Every child is an artist. The problem is how to remain an artist once he grows up." Ruth will always be remembered for her love of family, her joyful spirit and her passion for art and nature. She will be dearly missed. A memorial service will be held at Evergreen Memorial Gardens in Vancouver, WA on August 3, 2013. Please leave condolences at http://evergreenmemorialgardens.com/_mgxroot/page_10783.php

Tribute Wall



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Evergreen Memorial Gardens - July 03, 2025 at 09:21 PM

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“ *Ruthie, I will always remember . . .*

Patti Curtin - August 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ *She was the cutest little Ruthie, Looked just like her mother, and had the sparkle and dimples that all the children did. I did not know her as an adult, but knew of her art with glass. The family was very well liked and successful. I will never forget the summers!*

Mary (Myron) Heuvel - August 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

NC

“ *I knew "Ruthie" as Kathie and Bruce's little sister. It was good seeing Ruth, Bruce and the rest of the Brockmann family the summer of 2010 at Kathie's surprise Retirement/Birthday party. It had been a long time since I'd seen most of them. Though I didn't know Ruth as well as Kathie and Bruce, she shared the same friendly, cheerful and humorous personality as they did. Ruth and Bruce will be missed. They are together now with God and loved ones.*

Nancy Weiss (Hutchison) - July 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ I keep thinking the phone will ring and it will be you. Thank you for being a loving caring sister. I remember so many wonderful times with you and the many ways you supported me when I needed it. I so admired your great artistic talent, your creativeness and skill in cooking, gardening, sewing and more. I remember when you organized a huge surprise retirement/birthday party for me. I so appreciated the love you showed to Corinne and Emmalyn, Scott, Lillian, Thomas and Allison. I miss you dearly but know you are at peace with many loved ones. I will see you again.

Kathie Brockmann - July 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ You are now home with family and friends. I knew you as Kathie's little sister and saw you grow up and become a beautiful women. I admired your artwork and have seen some of your pieces. Enjoyed seeing and visiting with you three years ago at Kathie's retirement/birthday party in Vancouver. You will be missed but we will see each other again.

Sharon Hutchison - July 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ Ruthie, I remember when you first moved to Portland. You and Hal hosted a BBQ at your lovely home. We became fast friends and shared much laughter and organic vegetables over the years. Your laughter still rings in my ears and your smile will continue to warm me.

Lorna Lovell - July 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM