



## Ruth Monsen McAtee

August 30, 1922 - March 18, 2013

RUTH MONSEN-MCATEE August 30, 1922 ~ March 18, 2013 "We will all miss her warmth, compassion and boundless love." Ruth Monsen-McAtee, 90, died peacefully, surrounded by those who loved her on March 18, 2013 in Vancouver, WA. She was born to Hammond and Emma Watts on Aug. 30, 1922 in Denver, CO. Upon graduating from Denver High School, she attended Denver University for one year, before moving to Chicago. During the war years, she pursued a career in the airlines, as well as some modeling. It was there she met the first love of her life, Roy, M. Monsen. They were married in 1945, and their daughter, Susie, was born in 1946. After a stint on a chicken farm in N. California, they moved to San Jose, where they both earned their degree in education. Ruth taught elementary school for 15 years before returning to college to get her Masters in Library Science. She worked until her retirement as a High School Librarian. Roy died in 1983, and Ruth married Reid McAtee in 1989. They had shared a 24-year marriage, filled with love, shared interests, and remained the best of friends until Reid passed away Sept. 5, 2012. Ruth filled her life with music, art, academic pursuits, friends, church, environmental causes, and her much loved family. She was an accomplished pianist and organist, and talented artist. Her intellectual interests knew few boundaries. Ruth is survived by her daughter, Susan Monsen; granddaughters, Lisa Zerwekh and Leslie Robbins; great-granddaughter, Amanda Ukaoma; and step-daughter, Nancy Umali. A memorial service will be held at Evergreen Memorial Gardens at 1101 N.E.

112th Ave., Vancouver, on Sat., April 13, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, remembrances can be made to Columbia Presbyterian Church.

# Tribute Wall



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“ It was always joy and a privilege to be around my favorite Aunt Ruth! Whether we were staying with her and Uncle Roy on a summer family trip to San Jose as young girls, or visiting with her and Reid in recent years in the Pacific NW, she always made us feel warmly welcomed. She was extremely talented musically and artistically and had the gift of relating well to people of all ages. Although she's sorely missed here, I smile when I picture her in heaven with her older brother, my dad, putting up with his teasing and nicknames (calling her "Fair child")! Cynthia

Cynthia Weston - April 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Aunt Ruthie was such a dear person, and I have many fond memories of time with her through the years. Her warmth and compassion were truly exemplary, and she always showed genuine interest in whomever she was talking with. I especially treasure remembrances of the twinkle in her eye and her engaging laughter.

Julie Weatherford - April 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM