



Obituary - Ruth Elise Rue

Ruth Elise Rue was born June 27, 1920 in Union City, New Jersey and died June 19 in Van Nuys at the age of 94. She was a resident of Fontana since 1953.

Ruth was a remarkable woman who blended her family life with a very successful career in education. She retired after 32+ years of teaching a variety of courses for the Fontana Unified School District, but her favorite subject was English. Her teaching philosophy was that each student should be given the time and encouragement to learn the course subject and took pride in helping her students succeed. After her retirement, she often met with former students who told her that she had made a difference in their lives, from using correct grammar to a general understanding of literature and never accepting less than your

best.

In recognition of her achievements, she was given the Teacher of the Year Award in 2014 by the State of California.

She was married to Philip A. Rue for 70 years, from 1943 until his passing in May of 2014. Traveling with her husband for pleasure and to attend educational conferences was very important to her.

Before her teaching career began, she worked for the Grumman Aircraft Company in the manufacturing of Hellcat Fighters, which was her contribution to the war effort.

As a fitting tribute, her grandson Derek, a successful European opera singer, dedicated his performance for that evening to her.

Ruth is survived by her daughters, Leslie Naomi Rue and Donna Janice Jenkins and husband Richard; her son Ronald Rue and his wife Donna and their three sons (grandchildren), Ryan, Derek, and Adam -- and his wife Colleen, and their two children (great-grandchildren), Sydney and Jacob.

The family has decided to have a private memorial. For others, including former students and colleagues, a web page for viewing has been established at www.forevermissed.com/ruth-rue. Anyone visiting the website is encouraged to leave a memory, photos, or stories they wish to share.