



Ruth Estelle Donnocker

August 26, 1932 - August 21, 2021

Ruth Estelle Donnocker passed away peacefully and comfortably Saturday, August 21, 2021, with family at her side and aware of the love of friends and family members surrounding her. Beloved and only child of Roy Percival Donnocker and Dora Dean Grace Donnocker, Ruth was born on August 26, 1932 and raised in the Bronx, New York City. In June, 1953, Ruth graduated from Hunter College in New York City with a Bachelor of Arts in Art and a minor in Humanities. She received an MA in Education at Columbia Teacher's College in January 1956 and embarked on a teaching career that spanned many years, many countries, and many interesting people in the arts and cultures of the world.

After retirement, Ruth returned to Towanda, Bradford County, Pennsylvania, a region that was home to her mother's extended family for generations. There she actively and enthusiastically made treasured friends, engaged with local family, embraced her lifetime career as an artist and student of art in many forms: water color and oil painting, photography, ceramics, doll-making, knitting, quilting, local community theater, flower arranging, opera, classical music, and gardening. She also was an active member of the Bradford County Historical Society, the Red Hat Club, the Quarry Glen Club, various book clubs, the French Azilum historic site, and too many other valued and valuable groups and activities to list in their entirety. She had a voracious appetite for genealogy and political issues, and enjoyed any social gathering--including

cousins' Zoom nights during the pandemic, collaborative crossword puzzles, card games, and soirees with fine food. Ruth is fondly remembered as a role model to younger women in her family and many others for how to live a full and meaningful life.

Ruth is survived by her loving cousins, Wilda Rae Brusso, Frank Easton, Karen Winkel, Janice Norton, Donna Erickson, Bobbie Groth, Charlie Groth, Lori Klein Gardner, Robert Klein Sr. and Claire Klein, Lynn Lassalle-Klein, Keziah Donnocker Groth-Tuft, Adelaide Wellwood Groth-Tuft, and Frank Easton; her kinswoman, Peggy Horning; and her dear friends Linda Chernosky and Kasidy Devlin Pierce-Benjamin. In addition, she is mourned by a wide circle of friends and collaborators, representing vast spans of decades and continents.

A private burial was held at Hillside Cemetery in Big Pond, PA. A memorial art show and sale will be held in her memory and in celebration of her life at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Athens and Sheshequin when pandemic conditions allow. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to some of Ruth's favorite organizations: the Unitarian Universalist Church of Athens and Sheshequin which she attended in Athens, PA; Habitat for Humanity; the Bradford County Historical Society; and the Metropolitan Opera Guild. Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting www.bowenfuneralhomes.com

Cemetery Details

Hillside Cemetery

Big Pond, PA

Tribute Wall



“ *Ruth Estelle Donnocker*

October 22, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ *Ruth Estelle Donnocker*

October 08, 2023 at 10:34 PM



“ *Ruth Estelle Donnocker*

October 06, 2023 at 09:57 AM



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October 06, 2023 at 03:29 AM



“ *Ruth Estelle Donnocker*

October 05, 2023 at 02:02 PM

MS

“ Blessings to all of Ruth's family and friends. I knew Ruth from our book group Ruth was an inspiration to me as a very intelligent and creative woman with a great sense of humor! Ruth's stories of other countries were so interesting and will be greatly missed and don't get her started on politics!!!!!! I remember that once Ruth poked someone with her umbrella because they had a disagreement on a political candidate. But most of all she will be sadly missed at book group but I know she has read a few books already in heaven, God bless you Ruth and thanks for all the great memories.

Mary Rose Shaylor

mary rose shaylor - September 02, 2021 at 06:23 PM

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“ Dear Relatives and Friends of Ruth Donnocker, It is with a sad heart that I send extended sympathies to all of you at the passing of Ruth. I met Ruth at the YMCA in Towanda, years ago while she was still active enough to participate in the Yoga classes. We shared a love of history, art, politics, and cultures of other countries. We would go to the Community Cup and Flying Cow for lunch and especially desserts that she so loved. When she shared her many adventures of Europe during her teaching years, I could be transported there due to her wonderful story telling ability. Last year, due to Covid, our church services were on Zoom and Ruth shared one Sunday showing her art work and including how she started painting classes in Europe. Ruth lived a full and rewarding Life that so few of us experience and I am thankful to have been able to know her. In deepest sympathy and in Love & Peace. Donna L. Fratrik Engle

Donna L.Fratrik Engle - September 02, 2021 at 09:02 AM

SG

“ I remember when Ruth would come into the Towanda Public Library and she would get books to read and we would talk. She was such a varied reader and I would love talking to her. For a few weeks I would walk with her a few years ago until she was unable to do so. Then the pandemic hit and when she needed to pick up books, me or one of my co-workers would take the books out to her. I was saddened to learn of her problems and was hoping that she would have recovered. I was saddened to learn of her passing but I know she is in heaven, free of pain and happy. Ruth will be missed.

Stephanie Grohol

Stephanie Grohol - September 01, 2021 at 07:03 PM