



## Ruth Arens

December 28, 1928 - August 8, 2009

Ruth Arens, age 80, of Aurora, Colorado, died August 8th at Pathways Hospice Care Center in Loveland. A viewing will be held from 11:00 – 2:00 pm Saturday, August 15th, and a funeral service will be held at 2:00 Saturday at Airport Boulevard Baptist Church, 1000 Airport Blvd. Aurora, CO 80011. Interment will be private at the Elmwood Cemetery, Brighton. Ruth Marie Thompson was born December 28, 1928 in Willsboro, NY to Oakley and Rosalie Thompson. She graduated from Saranac Lake High School in 1945 at the age of 16, and then graduated from the Rochester Institute of Technology with an Associates Degree in Accounting in 1950. Ruth lived formerly in Spencerport, NY and worked for General Motors in Rochester from 1950 until 1963. From 1963 until 1971 she worked as a computer programmer and accountant at the Santa Clara (Calif.) Valley Medical Center. Ruth enjoyed a very varied and active life. In the early 1970's, she moved to St. Augustine, FL and owned and operated an art gallery there. She moved to Flint, Michigan and managed an apartment complex from 1973 until 1980. In the early 1980's, Ruth moved back to California and opened a catering and hospitality business until 1993 when she semi-retired to Colorado and did business accounting and taxes. In 1999, she moved again, Gypsy that she was, to Georgia and worked for the Veterans Administration and participated in various non-profit activities until finally retiring in 2005 back in Colorado. She is survived by her daughter, Teri (and husband, Darren) Mantooh of Aurora, CO; her son, Bill (and wife, Charlotte) Pelkey of Loveland, CO; her childhood

friend and constant companion, Louis Pelkey of Aurora; six grandchildren, Christopher, Kirsten, Darlene, Joel, Alyssa and Candice; 13 great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Betty Stewart of Ft. Worth, TX and Mary Barbour of Rochester, NY. Ruth's three brothers, Francis, Oakley and Howard Thompson all preceded her in death. Her family requests that memorial donations please be made in lieu of flowers to Pathways Hospice, 305 Carpenter Road, Fort Collins, CO 80525. <http://www.pathways-care.org>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ruth Arens*

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ *We are deeply saddened and wish to extend our condolences to all family members. My fondest memory of Ruth was that she was an extreme animal lover and it just doesn't get better than that. She was a dear and sweet woman, and will be greatly missed.*

**Mark & Ness Mantooth** - August 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *GOSH, WHAT A NEAT LADY! AS I WRITE THIS I THINK ABOUT HOW WE MET, AND MY HEART WELLS TO THINK WHAT A GREAT LADY WE LOST! IT BRINGS ME GREAT RELIEF TO KNOW SHE WENT TO A BETTER PLACE. WHEN I OPENED MY FEED TORE IN 1993 SHE CAME IN TO GET DOG FOOD, WITHIN MINUTES SHE WAS WATCHING ZACH, AS HE GOT OLDER SHE THAN BEGAN CHASING ZACH. SHE WAS VERY ACTIVE IN MY LIFE AND I WAS GREATLY BLESSED TO HAVE HER TEACH ME SO MUCH, SHE WAS THERE FOR MY UPS AND DOWNS AND WHEN I COULD NOT LONGER TAKE CARE OF MY GRANDFATHERS BIRD SHE TOOK HOME THE BIRD! SHE LOVED COMING TO OUR FARM, THE CARLOT AND THE RESTAURANT. WE WOULD STOP BY AND SEE THEM IN FORT COLLINS WHEN I WENT TO VISIT MY MOM, MARIE WOULD SAY ARE YOU COMING FOR BREAKFAST OR LUNCH. I COULD GO ON FOR HOURS ABOUT THE THINGS WE DID TOGETHER BUT...WE LOVE YOU MARIE AND YOU ARE TRUELY MISSED*

**Ramona Graves Bode zach/jim** - August 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“*Ruth Thompson Pelkey Arens was my aunt and one of my favorite people in the world. She was such a gypsy and so full of life. I never quite knew where she was living and then suddenly she would send me a letter or a narrative on family history...and I would feel connected to her all over again. I remember asking her all kinds of questions about our ancestry and she would tell such great stories about the Thompsons. Now that I live up here in Vermont near Wilsboro, I feel so much more connected because of her. I will take all the info she gave me and share it with the other Thompsons. It feels like the best way to pay tribute to her. We will miss you Aunt Ruth!*”

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**Sharon Thompson Radtke** - August 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“*My deepest condolences to all of the family in the loss of Ruth. Although I never met your mother, Bill, from the testimonials I read and my acquaintence with you through work, I see from where you acquired your love of animals and the genetic enthusiasm for numbers. May Ruth rest in peace now for the very full life that she experienced.*”

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**Darlene Ebeling** - August 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ Bill & I were very saddened to hear of your mother's passing. I never met your mother, but having known you now for a couple of years, & the stories you shared with me about your mother, I almost feel that I knew her somehow. What I didn't know, however, was that she was an animal lover - & now I know where you get that from.

*I hope that the love you feel from your family and friends through the days and weeks to come, helps you in some small way.*

*Fondly,*

*Bill & Sheilah Serradell*

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**Sheilah & Bill Serradell** - August 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ Mom,

*I miss you terribly. You were my rock. You always were there for me. I cherish every moment remembering your smile, the soft touch of your hand, your comforting words-you always knew what to so. I thank God every day I had you and we were blessed to be each others best friend. I promise I will tell all the stories and all of our children and grandchildren will continue to know all about you and your love for our Heavenly father. We will see each other in GOD's kingdom and live eternally together with our family-it is God's promise to all of us. Dearest Mom, I love you and will see you again in heaven. I am proud to be your daughter-thank you for being such a good Mom to Bill and I. Love, Teri*

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**Teri Mantooth** - August 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM