



Ruth B. Rhoden

July 11, 1923 - July 8, 2010

Ruth B. (Nelson) Rhoden age 85 of Bonner Springs, KS and formerly of Chicago, Illinois passed away Thursday, July 8, 2010. She was born July 11, 1923 in Chicago, Illinois the daughter of Wesley and Nellie (Blakley) Nelson. She was a life long and passionate musician especially for jazz. Her love and knowledge of jazz and big band music was boundless and touched her family and friends in ways they would never have realized without her guidance. Ruth played trumpet and sang with the Bonner Springs Kix Band for over 20 years, along with many other respected musicians and bands such as: the Jan Savitt Orchestra, the Boyd Raeburn Band, and at one time was offered to succeed Doris Day on the Les Brown Band. Ruth was known as maybe one of the best singers in town by most hip musicians. She later would co/host for 23 years on Kansas City's "Just Jazz" on KCUR 89.3 FM Radio. Ruth will be greatly missed by the many, many friends she made wherever she went and by her family that she loved so much. Her spirit and her love will be expressed in their daily lives forever. She is survived by her son, Lloyd Schad and his wife Mayumi of Lawrence, KS; two sisters, Terri Knapp of Mission, KS and Hazel Parker of Corona Del Mar, California; two grandsons, Andre Schad of California and Michael Schad of Japan. Memorial services will be 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 15, 2010 at the Maple Hill Funeral Home in Kansas City, Kansas. Visit Ruth's memorial website at www.maplehillfh.com

Previous Events

Service

JUL 15. 7:00 PM (CT)

Maple Hill Funeral Home
3300 Shawnee Dr
Kansas City, KS 66106
(913) 831-3345
info@maplehillfuneralhome.com
<https://maplehillfuneralhome.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery created a Tribute Video in memory of Ruth B. Rhoden*



Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery - July 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Ruth B. Rhoden*

October 08, 2023 at 10:59 AM



“ *Ruth B. Rhoden*

September 17, 2022 at 08:24 PM



“ *I was at Johnny Cascone's tonight, dear Ruth, and the Kicks were playing in their usual big way. And, of course, you were mentioned and honored and your sister was present. It made me miss you so much. I've been thinking of you a lot lately, friend. You will always be missed.*

~jane b - May 19, 2015 at 12:57 AM



“ Dear Lloyd, Mayumi, Terri, & Hazel (and family),

Thanks for the wonderful tribute to Ruth. Ross thanks for the kind words and recollections. Ruth was a true friend. It was a joy working with her every Sunday on Just Jazz and I will miss her dearly.

Craig Rastorfer

Craig Rastorfer - July 17, 2010 at 02:03 PM



“ Hi Lloyd (and the family),

So sorry for your loss. Ruth was a wonderful person. She was such a character and I always loved being around her. She got me involved in a few of her capers. :-) What a great spirit, and her energy was contagious! She was always willing and ready to support and cheer on other musicians. She did a lot and will be missed by many.

-Stephanie (Cox) Bryan

Stephanie Bryan - July 14, 2010 at 12:37 PM



“ What a friend Jazz had in Ruth. I so enjoyed both calling in to chat with Ruth & for years listening to her selection of tracks on "Just Jazz". What a lady.

My sincere thoughts, condolences and prayers to the family and for Ruth.

God Bless.

Deanie Olinger - July 12, 2010 at 05:10 PM



“ *Hi Lloyd,
Steve Herold here. Sorry about your loss. Your mom was truly one
of a kind.
And what a great friend to the Jazz scene. I will always remember
her.
Take care,
SH*

Steve Herold - July 11, 2010 at 02:17 PM