



Ruth Anne Booth

May 17, 1934 - December 29, 2011

Ruth Anne Booth, 77 of Cambridge, passed away Thursday, December 29, 2011 at the Victorian Oaks Assisted Living facility in Cambridge.

She was born on May 17, 1934 in Cambridge, to the late Carl and Bonsall (Linn) Wilson.

Raised on the family farm in Adams Township, a member of Christ United Methodist Church, she attended Pike and New Concord Schools. After majoring in music for two years at Muskingum College, she transferred to Ohio State where she received a bachelor's degree in education with teaching certification in both home economics and music.

In 1954, while still an undergraduate, she was married to Russell Booth, Jr., while he was working on his law degree. Together they moved to Cambridge in 1958, at which time Russell began his practice and she began teaching music in county elementary schools. A few years later, she switched to teaching home economics at Cambridge High School, a post she held until her retirement from full-time teaching in 1976. In more recent years, she occasionally taught adult reading classes and English as a second language. Ruth Anne loved music, cooking, and many crafts, especially sewing. In 1975, for the local celebration of the bicentennial of the American Revolution, with the help of almost 100 other women, she oversaw the creation from scratch of all the uniforms for a complete colonial-era fife and drum corps, making many of the outfits herself. Following her interests in theater, she participated for many years in the local Drama Study group.

As a lifelong pianist, she also gave piano lessons in her home and played for churches and area rest homes. In the 1960s, she joined the local Musicals singers and their subsequent incarnation as the Cambridge Singers. More recently, she enjoyed singing and traveling with the Muskingum University Choral Society.

Ruth Anne is survived by her husband of 57 years, Russell; her brother, Robert (Marilyn) Wilson of Middletown; one daughter, Sally (Rich) Bennett of Cambridge; two sons, Richard and Robert "Robbie" Booth, both of Cambridge; and five grandchildren, William, Matthew, and David Booth; and Steven and Brook Bennett.

Calling hours will be from 4 to 7 pm Monday, January 2, 2012 with the service on Tuesday, January 3 at 11 am at Bundy-Law Funeral Home. Rev. Sturman Moore will officiate with burial following in Northwood Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Guernsey at P.O. Box 1165 Cambridge, Ohio 43725. On line condolences can be sent to the family at www.bundy-lawfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Northwood Cemetery

10th Street
Cambridge, OH 43725

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 2. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Bundy-Law Funeral Home
120 North 11th Street
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Service

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Tribute Wall

CT

“ Ruth Anne was my roommate our FRESHMAN year at Muskingum. She was a scholar in every course she undertook. She regularly scolded me for not being serious about the education my parents were paying for.....interestingly we both transferred to Ohio State and married men who were in the same OSU Law School class graduating the same year with a JD degree. Who could have believed it? Anyone who ever knew Ruth Anne had to realize almost immediately that she was exceptionally bright, generous and kindhearted. Those folks were gifted by knowing her.
Charlotte (Char) Brokaw Thomas

Charlotte B Thomas - May 13 at 12:11 PM

SW

“ Shirley Walters lit a candle in memory of Ruth Anne Booth



Shirley Walters - January 06, 2012 at 07:49 AM

DR

“ With Sympathy to the family. Your wonderful memories will sustain you through this time of deep sorrow.
Sincerely,
Donna McCullough Robertson, Joe Robertson, & Jill Robertson Prince



Donna Robertson - January 03, 2012 at 09:45 AM

HF

“ *IN SYMPATHY FOR THE FAMILY OF MY
COUSIN, RUTH ANNE .i HAVE MANY FOND
MEMORIES..
HOWARD FRAME*



Howard Frame - January 03, 2012 at 08:36 AM

BB

“ *It can be a little difficult to remember grandma outside of the kitchen. She was an artist with so many mediums, but her cooking was definitely her most treasured masterpiece.*

She had a Stevia plant in the window above her sink long before it was an extract in Vitamin Water Zero. If Steve and I were well behaved, she'd pull off a leaf for each of us, which tasted like a mouthful of sugar.

Every time we'd visit, she'd beg me to show her what I'd learned that week at piano class. She loved to duet with me and play Christmas carols during the holidays.

Afterward, we'd walk down the street and feed bread to the ducks at the pond.

Grandma taught me how to sew, as well. She spent the entire day with Steve and me sewing a Peanuts blanket for mom's birthday...Love that blanket.

And of course, I can't forget Grandma's rose bushes. She was so proud of those.

Every Halloween Steve and I would walk up 10th street. Grandma and Grandpa's house was the last one before the duckpond, and we always looked forward to showing them our costumes and getting extra candy :)

Grandma was the classic grandmother on so many levels. We'll always cherish the good memories.

Brook Bennett - December 31, 2011 at 02:40 PM

KE

“ *Karla Ewart lit a candle in memory of Ruth Anne Booth*



Karla Ewart - December 31, 2011 at 01:34 PM



“ I've had a little over a year to enjoy memories of Mom before the stroke that changed her life. Remembering how she made the best and prettiest Christmas cookies; her candy-cane cookies looked picture perfect. The orange cookies she always made around Christmastime were also in a league of their own.

I remember how she would sew clothes for me when I was a little girl, and would often make matching outfits for my dolls.

She was a beautiful knitter. She made many beautiful blankets for friends, as well as sweaters for her grandchildren. When I was really small, I remember that she even knitted outfits for Barbie dolls and had them for sale in a downtown craft store.

She taught me the importance of a properly set dinner table (remember, this was the '60s).

I remember a project that she was involved in with her home-ec classes where they made cookies and packaged them in Pringles containers, then shipped them to local soldiers who were serving in Vietnam.

She hated chewing gum. I know...not necessarily a fond memory, but one that I think many people would share! Kind of funny how much she couldn't stand it.

She loved fresh flowers or branches cut from bushes in her yard and would almost always have a vase of them on the table, even if it was a table covered with stacks of mail.

She would always try to feed us whenever we'd stop in unannounced. Quartering apples for us at the very minimum. She made wonderful homemade grape juice, too, and it was always a nice treat to have some of that when we'd stop by.

She used to can tomatoes, grape juice, and probably other things,

some of which are still in the basement today.

One of my favorite musical memories of Mom was a few years ago when, after we stopped by unannounced, she and Dad each began to play Christmas carols together. Mom on her piano and Dad with his violin. Dad's hearing was causing him to be out of tune, which irritated Mom, but it was still a nice memory to see them playing their music together.

Mom would always play a song on the piano every morning with Robbie before he would go off to the workshop. Robbie insisted, and Mom complied. It was a sweet ritual that the two of them had.

And she would almost always make a phone call to whoever's birthday it was and if she got the answering machine, she would still play "Happy Birthday" on the piano for the birthday person.

These are just some random pleasant memories I've been having of Mom in recent months. I hope whoever reads this will want to add some of your own, as well.

Sally Bennett - December 31, 2011 at 11:07 AM

SH

First of all, I am so very sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. She was a wonderful, talented lady to say the least and a good neighbor to have close by whenever a cup of sugar was needed or a friendly chat. I'll always remember her in home-ec class and how she taught me to knit a pair of mittens. Sorry, but that was the last time I knitted but I did turn out to be a pretty good cook.

Our family sends our deepest sympathy and wish for you the good memories to cherish. Your Mom will always be with you.

Love to you all.

Shirley Jean

Shirley Bogart Howard - January 02, 2012 at 04:03 PM



“ 2 files added to the album *Pictures of Mom*



Sally Bennett - December 31, 2011 at 10:20 AM

JM

Dear Sally:

Just a fast note after reading your wonderful tribute about your Mom...was sorry to read of her passing and e-mailed to her former classmate, Barbara McCourt Lawrence in Florida. I will always remember how you and your Mother were so caring to Cindy and Joe when Cindy got divorced. I know it will be a difficult time for all your family. A beautiful, talented, sharing woman who many will miss. I might not be able to express my sympathy in person at the calling hours so wanted to write this message to you...I remarried last Jan. 30 and my husband and I are planning a trip the first of the week to Michigan to witness his son-in-law being installed as fire chief of Waterford Twp...

My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family...Sincerely, Jane Kerr Mathews

Jane Kerr Mathews - December 31, 2011 at 03:32 PM

CL

Mrs. Booth...rest in peace...I finally learned the patience to sew my senior year in her home-ec class..although I think we tried her patience at the same time. I love reading the tributes from her family....a very talented woman! My condolences to you all.

Cathy Lilienthal - January 02, 2012 at 12:28 PM

AM

“ *Are Prayers will be with you, and your family. AnnGeese,Milliner*

Ann Geese, Milliner, McNemar - December 30, 2011 at 06:12 PM

CH

“ *The music will be a whole lot grander in Heaven's choir now - may your Guardian Angels keep vigil with you all during your time of healing. Blessings. Cheri Harding.*



Cheri Harding - December 30, 2011 at 01:23 PM

JG

“ *Jeff Gattrell lit a candle in memory of Ruth Anne Booth*



Jeff Gattrell - December 30, 2011 at 06:17 AM