



# Ruth Wright

April 11, 1928 - May 16, 2024

Ruth Wright, of Fairfield, California, passed away on May 16, 2024, at the age of 96. She was born on April 11, 1928, to the late William Schonert and Mabel Thomas.

Ruth is preceded in death by her children, Michael and Suzanne Mattson, as well as her sisters, Mabel "Jeanie" Hockenberry and Francis Noah, and brother Eddie Schonert. Ruth is survived by her grandchildren, Angel Mattson-Parlor and Albert Perez, great-grandsons, Marqwez Jones and Jalano Jackson, as well as a host of nieces and nephews. She was known for her passion for Sudoku, painting, and sharing wine.

Although she will be greatly missed, Ruth's memory will live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved her. She left behind a legacy of love and laughter, and her spirit will be cherished forever.

Ruth Wright may have passed away from natural causes, but her memory will continue to bring light and joy to those who remember her.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 30.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (PT)

Fairfield Funeral Home  
1750 Pennsylvania Ave.  
Fairfield, CA 94533  
(707) 425-1041  
info@fairfieldfuneral-home.com  
<http://www.fairfieldfuneral-home.com/>

*No food or drinks allowed inside Chapel Area or Funeral Home*

## Funeral Service

**MAY 30.** 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (PT)

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## Burial / Committal Service

**MAY 30.** 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (PT)

Fairfield Suisun Cemetery  
1707 Union Ave  
Fairfield, CA 94533

# Tribute Wall

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“ Ruth was always kind and welcoming! I truly enjoyed visiting her with Grace Brown.



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**Nancy Garrett** - May 29, 2024 at 07:39 PM

“ Dear family and friends,  
Beth and I regret that we are unable to attend Ruthie’s service, that we won’t be able to see the family and pay our respects to Ruth.

We will remember Ruth as a strong, optimistic woman who was ahead of the curve for her time.

She and her sisters and brother were raised during the great depression. They lost their mother when they were young. The family had a difficult time making ends meet. I remember both Frances and Ruthie telling a story about making soap at home, then selling it on the streets and down at the docks in San Francisco.

Ruthie raised two children mostly on her own and managed a successful career. She bought a home by herself and paid off the mortgage. I remember how proud she was the day she got the deed that signified that she owned that house free and clear. And she did it at a time when that was a remarkable achievement for a single woman.

She outlived her children, Mike and Susie. At Susie’s funeral, shattered as she was, she said “I’m going to have a good life!” And she did.

She bought a sailboat and learned how to sail. In 2004 she voyaged with Craig and me down the California coast from San Francisco to Monterey. Our boat was a 36 foot sloop. Ruthie took every one of her turns at the wheel, steered a true course, and gave us orders how to trim the sails. It was no easy trip. She was a damn good sailor. She was 74 years old.

Ruth took every Art class at the community college in Fairfield until the administration told her that she could not sign up for any more art classes. So she made her own remarkable art and became a docent at a local museum.

She stayed in shape. She walked several miles a day and went to a gym regularly. She traveled in the US and abroad with her sisters and friends. She showed up at every family gathering with that beautiful smile, a big bottle of red wine, and her party attitude. She was indefatigable.

Ruth Wright was an ordinary woman who made an extraordinary life for herself, the heroine who lived quietly next-door facing some of life’s most difficult of challenges with determination and grace. Ruth is gone now. Her story and her legacy live on through those fortunate enough to have lived in the circle of her light.

Be at rest, Ruth

Elizabeth



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“ I met Ruth through our mutual friend, Grace Brown. Every time Grace and I went to visit Ruth, she welcomed me with a friendly smile and (sometimes) a glass of wine. The picture of Ruth waving was the last time I got to see her.



Nancy Garrett - May 28, 2024 at 05:41 PM



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Carol Hockenberry-Reynolds - May 24, 2024 at 07:27 PM



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Carol Hockenberry-Reynolds - May 20, 2024 at 05:22 PM

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“ Grace B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ruth Wright.

Grace B. - May 20, 2024 at 01:26 PM

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“ Carol A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ruth Wright.

Carol A. - May 20, 2024 at 01:15 PM

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“ Ruth and I were friends for 50 years. We met in a college art class and started sitting together during breaks, along with our live model, Grace Brown. The three of us became very good friends and began to enjoy taking trips to various California sites. When I moved to San Diego, Ruth and Grace would come down and we would drive down to Rosarito Beach in Mexico where we enjoyed shopping, eating lobster and have yummy margaritas. Though I moved, we still got together often and remained best friends. I never had a sister, but she was like a sister to me. I've had many health issues that have prevented me from visiting her in recent years and have am so saddened by the loss of a best friend forever. She was a sweet and caring person who deserved the best of everything. She will always have a special place in my heart.

Carol S Anderson - May 19, 2024 at 09:39 PM



Hello from Las Vegas. Years ago when Ruthie turned 80 we visited you in Vegas--now I live here! Wishing you the best. Love, Carol Jean

Carol Hockenberry-Reynolds - May 20, 2024 at 04:45 PM

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Hi Carol ! I'm so sorry we've lost Ruth but we had the pleasure of having her with us.

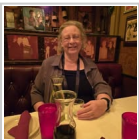
Carol Anderson - May 29, 2024 at 11:01 AM

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“ The Hockenberry Family purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Ruth Wright.



The Hockenberry Family - May 17, 2024 at 06:57 PM



“ Ruthie was really fun to hang out with and she has been my role model for some time now. I marvel at all the beautiful photos from her multiple trips both domestic and foreign. Whenever I'd ask if she could climb a hill or walk from BART to the Opera House, she'd always reply, "Well, I walk 5 miles a day," so of course she could. I so will miss her! But I will cherish the many, many memories of fun times that we shared. Cheers to Auntie Ruthie!



Carol Hockenberry-Reynolds - May 17, 2024 at 06:48 PM