



## Mary Ruth Stahl

October 24, 1929 - March 9, 2017

### The Life and Times of Mary Ruth Stahl

Mary Ruth Stahl, was born on October 24, 1929 and died on March 9, 2017 living 88 years, 4 months, and 17 days. She was surrounded by her loving family, daughters Deborah & Cristelle, son Theodore III and daughter-in-law Thessely during her final days in this life. She was preceded in death by her loving husband of 59 years, 11 months, Theodore “Ted” J. Stahl Jr.

Mary Ruth was born in San Antonio, TX to U.J. Sloop and Stella Naomi Miller Sloop. She lived her entire life in San Antonio, Floresville, and Junction where her accomplishments were many.

She attended Brackenridge High School but graduated from Floresville High School where as an accomplished musician played a trumpet in the marching band and sang in the choir. Mary Ruth, a National Honors Society Member with the highest grade-point-average in her class had to accept Salutatorian due to lacking the required 4 years of attendance. She made many lifelong friends of which many remained throughout her life.

Mary Ruth attended Trinity University in San Antonio working on a degree in music and worked part time in accounting at National Bank of Commerce stopping her education to marry her sweetheart, Ted on December 22, 1951. In October 1952, they welcomed their first child, Deborah; in January 1956, they were blessed with a second daughter, Cristelle and in July 1962, their only son, Jeff.

In 1957, Mary Ruth and Ted joined Harlandale Presbyterian Church where

Mary served as an Elder, Deacon, Youth Sponsor, Sunday School Teacher, and Choir Director. Being a devout Christian she was always ready to share God's message with all who would listen. She led both the youth and chancel choirs for many years directing both weekly music and special cantata musicals. She served as a President of the Women of Harlandale Presbyterian Church and director over the Women of Presbyterian Church John Knox Ranch. The Women of the Church presented her with a Lifetime Achievement Award for all her hard work and dedication to Harlandale Presbyterian programs as well as her work as a Historian with the Presbyterian Church USA.

During the 1970's, Mary Ruth served for the Boy Scouts of America as a Scout Troop Committee member in the Alamo Area Council for Troop 250 approving the award of merit badges as well as mentoring boys in the camping environment.

As a young woman, Mary Ruth was a member of the San Antonio Order of Rainbow for Girls Assembly #3 and as an adult joined the Order of the Eastern Star. In August 2014, she became a 50-year lifetime member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

She is survived by her; daughter, Deborah Ruth, daughter, Cristelle Stahl; son and wife, Theodore J. III &Thessely Stahl; grand-son and wife, Theodore J. IV and Kourtney Stahl; grand-daughter, Adrienne Outlaw; grand-daughter and husband, Heather and Jeff Amodeo; and five great-grandchildren. Special Thanks to the staff at New Haven Assisted Care and Solaris Hospice for their loving care and concern. A one hour viewing/visitation will precede the funeral on Friday, 17 March 2017 at Noon at Mission Park North chapel, 3401 Cherry Ridge, San Antonio, TX. The family requests in lieu of flowers to make a donation to the Shriner's Children Hospitals or the Cancer charity of your choice.

# Cemetery Details

## San Fernando Cemetery III

1735 Cupples Rd.  
San Antonio, AK 78226

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 17. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels Cherry Ridge  
3401 Cherry Ridge Dr  
San Antonio, TX 78230  
(210) 349-1414  
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

## Celebration of Life

MAR 17. 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Ruth Stahl.* ”



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