



## Ruth R. Givens

July 16, 1917 - January 5, 2010

Ruth Givens was born in Boerne, Texas, on July 16, 1917 and passed away on January 5, 2010 in San Antonio, Texas. A descendant of the Founding Fathers of Kendall County, Ruth was the eldest child of Joseph E. and Erna Richter Sill. She was married to James B. Rylander for 45 years, with whom she raised three children. As a resident of San Antonio for 72 years, Ruth was a lifelong member of Los Angeles Heights Methodist Church and a dedicated employee of the San Antonio Independent School District Administrative Office for 25 years. She was married to Air Force Major Edward A. Givens from 1988 to 2000. Ruth is preceded in death by James B. Rylander Sr., Major Edward A. Givens, her son James B. Rylander Jr., three brothers and one sister. She is survived by daughter Carolyn Cloud and husband L.D. of Houston, Texas; daughter Mary Lynn Hollis and husband Loyd of Jenks, Oklahoma; brother Joseph E. Sill Jr. of Boerne, Texas; and six grandchildren Carrie Cloud of New York City; Reagan James Rylander of Redding, California; Katie Hanson Burchart and husband Travis of Jenks, Oklahoma; Emily Rylander Meil and husband Gabe of San Francisco, California; Karen Elizabeth Rylander of Denver, Colorado; Julie Hanson Battaglia and husband Jason of Hoboken, New Jersey, two great grandchildren Trace Benton Burchart and Isabella Kate Burchart, and numerous nieces and nephews. Ruth's stalwart love for her faith, family and friends centered a fruitful life in her beloved Texas Hill Country. She took immense pride in her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, and

their diverse accomplishments in Law, Education, Architecture, Publishing, Business, Design, Culinary Arts, and even the Broadway stage. Ruth was passionate about cooking, baking, painting, ceramics, gardening and the art of sewing. She was an active member of United Methodist Women, the San Antonio Low Vision Club, Widows, Etcetera of Wayside Chapel, and Texas Retired Educators, as well as an Honorary Member of the Towne & Country Optimists Club of San Antonio. The family would like to extend their deepest appreciation to Dr. Robert Goff, as well as the staff of Methodist Hospital in San Antonio, Morningside Ministries at Menger Springs, and the US Renal Care Boerne. A veiwing will begin at 1:00 pm on Friday, January 8, 2010 at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North.

#### FUNERAL SERVICES

WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 9th AT 12:00 pm AT WAYSIDE CHAPEL IN SAN ANTONIO 1705 N.W. Loop 410,

with interment to follow in Mission Park Burial Park North 20900 IH 10 West. A celebration of Ruth's life will then commence at the Tapatio Springs Golf Resort & Conference Center in Boerne 314 Blue Heron Boulevard.

Contributions can be made to the American Kidney Fund or the American Foundation for the Blind.

# Tribute Wall

LW

“ Mary Lynn and Family, I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. My prayers are with all of you at this difficult time. Even though I never had the pleasure of meeting Ruth, I feel like I knew her through the heartfelt stories I've heard. It's obvious she was a w

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**Lana Whitaker** - January 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ Though I never met Ruth, I have seen many of her traits of character in her daughter Mary Lynn, my dear friend and co-worker. Mary Lynn has a heart of gold, always thinking of how she can help others. She is a conscientious and masterful teacher, much ad

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**Lori Pettus** - January 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MO

“ Our thoughts are with you during this difficult time. The students will miss you MaryLynn! You are their favorite part of the week!  
Michelle

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**Michelle Owens** - January 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Ruth was absolutely one of the sweetest people we ever knew. We will really miss her...God Bless, Dale and Elsa Hart

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**Dale & Elsa hart** - January 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Thinking of many years of love and friendship, we will be offering our prayers and support for you in the loss of your mother.

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**Debs and Marsha Cofer** - January 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ I am very saddened by Aunt Ruth's passing. I remember her as a feisty, very down-to-earth woman who always told it like it was. She was so full of life and laughter and never seemed to tire. I'll miss her.

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**Shirley & Carl Petmecky** - January 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MN

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Directors & Staff at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North

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**Mission Park Funeral Chapels North** - January 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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**Dale & Elsa hart** - January 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ We ALL lost the "epitomy" of a lady. I have always thought of your Mother and Grandmother as a Lady, with the heart of a lion as well as the strength of spirit we all could aspire to have.  
I can only imagine the Los Angeles Heights reunion going on righ

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**Judi Duecker** - January 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ *Sincerest Sympathy in the loss of Ruth. She was a great person, intelligent, well read, and interested in many things. She will be missed as a member of the Towne & County Optimists as will her smile and joy.*

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**Christina Rickard** - January 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ *Carolyn and family, so sad to read about your mom's passing, sounded like she had a wonderful life surrounded by a wonderful family, sincerest sympathy and much love, Donna Sarran McBride*

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**Donna Sarran McBride** - January 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ *Aunt Carolyn, Uncle D., Carrie and Family, A brief note to express of sincere sympathy on Ruth's passing. We have so enjoyed including her as a part of our extended family for so many years. She was a wonderful woman, a great cook and always fun to be ar*

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**Reagan Greer** - January 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ *Dear Carolyn and LD, It is with the fondest memories of your Mother that I offer you my sympathy and love. She was such a vibrant and loving person and meant so much to me growing up. We were all so lucky to have her as a part of our lives. God bless y*

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**Janice Jehl** - January 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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**Mission Park Funeral Chapels North** - January 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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**Shirley & Carl Petmecky** - January 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM