



Ruthe Nadine Browne Henderson

April 9, 1917 - October 12, 2011

Ruthe Nadine Browne Henderson, 94, died Wednesday, Oct. 12, 2011, at Eskaton Village in Carmichael, Calif.

She was born in Thermopolis to Mattie Puella Rushton Browne and Norton Elliott Browne on April 9, 1917.

Ruthe received her Associate of Science degree in Home Economics from Cottey College in Nevada, Mo., and her Bachelor of Science degree in Home Economics from the University of Nebraska in Lincoln, Neb.

She put her degrees to use as a home economics teacher in Wyoming, and was a true home economist in her homes in New Jersey, New York, Maryland, California, Bangkok, Thailand and Cairo, Egypt. Ruthe was also a nutritionist at Lewisdale Elementary School in Hyattsville, Md., a nursery school in Sacramento, as well as at the former McClellan Air Force Base in North Highlands.

Ruthe's interests were as varied as the places where she lived: sewing, cooking and crafting for her family, square dancing, ballroom dancing and traveling the world with her now deceased husband, Ward. She was a vibrant and beloved member of Chapter EQ, PEO Sisterhood, St. Mark's Methodist Church and AAUW book and gourmet sections. She will be remembered as the gracious hostess of her many parties.

She is survived by her children, Bill (Marilyn) Henderson, Nancy (Joe) Saiz and Laurie (Bob) Rollins; five grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and by 14 nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her husband of 62 years.

Friends and family are invited to attend a memorial service at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5 at St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Sacramento, Calif. Remembrances may be sent to the St. Mark's Memorial Fund, 2391 St. Mark's Way, Sacramento, CA 95864 or to Cottey College, 1000 W. Austin, Nevada, MO 64772.

