



## Ruth Christa Kretzinger

October 5, 1928 - December 11, 2018

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Ruth's parents, Kurt and Selma Weber, and her sister Elsie, had emigrated from Germany and settled in Oregon City. Ruth was born in Portland on October 5, 1928. Ruth grew up in Oregon City and graduated from Oregon City High School in 1946. She then attended Pacific University in Forest Grove.

In 1951 Ruth married Loren Kretzinger. Ruth worked as a secretary at Firestone and later, both Loren and Ruth were employed at and retired from Tektronix in Beaverton, with over 20 years on the job. Ruth and Loren had two sons, Mark and Bryan. As a family, they were active in Cub Scout and Boy Scout activities. The family took numerous trips to Germany to visit relatives. In their retirement, Ruth and Loren enjoyed trips to Las Vegas and going on cruises with their friends and family. At home, Ruth and Loren spent much of their time restoring a 1957 T-Bird, which Ruth had painted her favorite color, red. Ruth and Loren were married for 54 years. Loren passed away in 2005.

After Loren's death, Emery Rohde, a family friend for over 54 years, got in touch with Ruth. In 1953, Emery had married Ruth's best friend in High School and roommate in college, Elaine Knoefel. Emery had just lost Elaine the year before. Ruth and Emery began dating and were married in 2006. It was

wonderful to see two people finding love for the second time, holding hands and laughing together. Ruth and Emery lived in Summerfield and then King City. Ruth enjoyed gardening and was especially fond of growing angel trumpet plants. Ruth and Emery traveled to Germany, Alaska, Las Vegas, and Washington, DC, as well as many trips in Oregon and Washington. Ruth and Emery were married for 12 years.

Ruth passed away on December 11th due to complications from hip replacement surgery. Ruth is survived by her husband, Emery, sons and daughters-in-law, Mark and Mary, and Bryan and Claudia, three grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren, and her sister, Elsie Miller, along with many nieces and nephews and the entire Rohde family.

Services will be held at Hillside Chapel at 11:00 am on Wednesday, December 19th. Pastor John Schneider will officiate. Burial will be at Willamette National Cemetery later on Wednesday.

Donations in Ruth's memory may be made to Alzheimer's and Dementia research or to the Oregon Humane Society.

# Cemetery Details

## Willamette National Cemetery

11800 SE Mt Scott Blvd  
Portland, OR 97086

# Previous Events

## Funeral

DEC 19. 11:00 AM (PT)

Hillside Chapel  
1306 7th Street  
Oregon City, OR

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ruth Christa Kretzinger*

January 28, 2023 at 02:51 PM



“ *Emory, so glad to hear from you but sorry to hear about Ruth's death.  
we extend our deepest sympathy to you. So glad you had 12 years together.  
do keep in touch. Love, Bev. and Dick*

**Bev.Larson** - December 24, 2018 at 12:38 PM



“ *Ruth was a wonderful godmother to my sister & me. I will always have fond memories of her. She came to every piano recital I had as a child and was always there for us. Ruth was always thoughtful, kind and loving. A blessing to me* 💕💕

**Pamela Peik Dunham** - December 19, 2018 at 10:22 AM

SG

“ Fondly I remember Ruth as a friend and Kappa Delta sorority sister when we both attended Pacific University in Forest Grove. We had good memories shared with Elaine, her roommate. The years flew by as we married and had precious children. My husband was LeRoy Gamble also a student at Pacific. He passed away in November 2009 and I was especially touched when Emory and Ruth attended the memorial service. We renewed our friendship by occasionally meeting for lunch. I, too am happy he and Ruth had these years together. I send special thoughts to him and Ruth's family, her sons and their wives, grandchildren and the little ones whose lives are blessed by this lovely lady. You are all in my prayers. Shirley Anderson Gamble

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**Shirley Gamble** - December 17, 2018 at 07:30 PM

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“ Ruth was the closest thing I had to a mother. Since I was a child, she was always there for me. She was a kind, compassionate person. She was a wonderful wife to "Red" and took great care of him. After his passing my heart broke for her, for the loneliness she experienced. I was so grateful that Emory came into her life. He brought back the light for Ruthie. Now her light is gone for us, but I know the best is yet to come for her.  
Barbara Peik-Maxwell

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**Barbara Peik-Maxwell** - December 15, 2018 at 08:56 PM

JF

“ i knew her for over 30 years. great person kind gentle always caring for others.  
she will be missed.

*jim and betty flad*

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**james flad** - December 15, 2018 at 10:15 AM



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**Hillside Chapel** - December 13, 2018 at 08:40 PM