



## Ruth Whetsell Rollins

April 13, 1942 - February 19, 2022

Ruth Whetsell Rollins  
Pickens, South Carolina

Ruth Whetsell Rollins, born April 13, 1942 died peacefully in her sleep February 19, 2022. This high school beauty queen with beautiful green eyes; certified master gardener; talented chef, blessed with exceptional culinary skills; avid bird watcher; devoted beach lover; parental caretaker; and beloved parent, grandparent, and friend had the strength of will and the self-confidence and resilience that carried her through life and helped her through her terminal illness.

Ruth's life was filled with family and friends including the father of her children who remained a good friend, and many beloved dogs. She also had the unique distinction of being the first person in the US to own a VW convertible – tomato red, no less. Ruth enjoyed the friendship of many incredible people, past and present, including a close group of life-long friends known as “the girls”.

Ruth was preceded in death by her parents, Betty Whetsell Clanton and Hyatt Davis Whetsell. Her father died when she was in elementary school. She was also predeceased by an older infant sister and a younger adult brother, Hyatt Whetsell, Jr.

She is survived by two children, her son, Paul Rollins, Jr. (Elizabeth Fields) of Pickens, SC; Beth Rollins Carter (Ben Carter) of Spartanburg, SC; Paul Rollins Sr. and three beloved grandchildren, Mitchell Hardee, Bentley Carter, and Charlie Rollins.

A memorial service will be held on a later date at Ebenezer Methodist in Bowman, SC. A marker will be placed in the nearby cemetery where her later parents and baby sister are buried.

Ruth chose to be cremated and for her ashes to be scattered at her favorite meditative spots. The family and friends will gather on Edisto Island, SC to remember Ruth, celebrate her life, and honor her wishes.

Mountain View Funeral Home – Pickens Chapel is serving the Rollins family.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Hate to lose another member of our high school class!*  
*Bonnie R. Moses*

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**Bonnie Moses** - March 02, 2022 at 11:02 AM

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“ *Ruthie was, in high school, a friend whom I really never got to know well. My loss. She was definitely one of our Glamour Queens, but always gracious to us all.*

*I saw her again not until our fiftieth Class reunion; before me was an elegant, still-beautiful woman, a little bit heart-stopping, still entirely herself. I'm glad to recall that I told her all this. She may have thought it foolish; I hope she may have been pleased by it.*

*STTL*  
*Paul Traywick*

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**Paul Traywick** - February 28, 2022 at 06:46 PM

PH

*So sorry to hear the news of Ruth's passing. Paul and I spent slot of time with Ruth and Paul years ago and had so much fun with them. I had lost touch with her over the years but thought of her often. My thoughts and prayers are with the kids and grandchildren. Now she's at peace, bless her heart.*

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**Penny Hucks** - March 01, 2022 at 07:16 PM

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*Ruth possessed the kindest soul, who extended her grace, strength and friendship to me, providing hope through the darkest and most uncertain of times. I am forever grateful. She was immensely proud of her family and to them, I extend my sincerest condolences.*

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**Julia** - April 08, 2024 at 07:54 AM