



Ruth LeClere Roy

September 8, 1918 - May 27, 2011

Ruth LeClere Roy, of Houston, passed away on Friday May 27th 2011 at the age of 92. Born Sept. 8, 1918 in Logan County, Ark. to A. C. Parker and Victoria Golden Parker she is survived by her two daughters Fran LeClere, Celia “Cricket” Stastny, son Lauryn P. LeClere Jr., seven grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren. Daughter, Lynn Bradley passed away in 2006.

Ruth grew up in Hot Springs, Arkansas and moved to Houston in the mid 30s where she married Lauryn P. LeClere Sr. in 1940. Three daughters later the new family bought a 42 acre ranch in the Texas hill country where Lauryn Jr. was born. These times at the flagstone ranch house outside Kerrville were some of her greatest memories.

After the passing of Lauryn Sr., Ruth moved back to Houston where she sold real estate, refined her artistic talents and raised her children. She married Bob Roy in the early 60s who introduced the family to surfing, and together they created a new business - Locked In Surf Shop. Ruth and Bob imported thousands of surfboards from the West Coast during the height of the surfing craze. She gave a live surf report on FM radio for years and designed bikinis, baggies, jackets and windbreakers, setting a style for the early Gulf Coast surfing culture. “Mrs. Roy” became an iconic figure on the Texas surf scene. Her positive and encouraging demeanor was embraced by Houston teens in the late 60s – early 70s, and on weekends kids could find themselves surfing

along side her off Galveston beaches.

In the 70s, the surf shop became Locked In Sports incorporating snow ski and scuba gear. Ruth became a certified diver and an avid skier (now in her mid 50s). The shop collaborated with Space City Ski Club on many adventures to Colorado, Utah and Europe. She also organized dive trips to Cozumel and Belize.

Ruth was always active in the Church and continued her world travels visiting the Holy Land, Egypt, and Hong Kong.

Now, as if surfing, skiing, scuba diving, and traveling the world were not enough, Ruth had to try her hand at acting. She joined Chris Wilson at The Actors Studio in Houston and soon crafted her skills on the stage landing rolls like the grandmother in “The Effect of Gamma Rays on Man in the Moon Marigolds” and five completely different characters in “The Women”. She also designed and made many costumes for the theater. An incredible seamstress, she could make anything, from handbags to draperies to leather jackets.

Above and beyond her creative talents and athletic abilities, Ruth was a radiant soul. Her contagious smile was irresistible; her interest in people and ability to encourage and inspire confidence was genuine. She was always enthusiastic about life and its possibilities. A loving mother to her children and a trustworthy friend to all who knew her, Ruth was a beautiful compassionate and caring woman, and we will all miss her greatly.

A memorial service and celebration of Ruth’s long and vibrant life will be held on

Saturday, June 18, at 11:00 A.M. at the West Houston Christian Center, 11300 Wilcrest Green Dr. Houston, TX 77042. Burial to follow at the Confederate Cemetery in Alvin.

Cemetery Details

Confederate Cemetery

Alvin, TX

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN 18. 11:00 AM (CT)

West Houston Christian Center
11300 Wilcrest
Houston, TX 77042

Tribute Wall



“ *Ruth LeClere Roy*

October 08, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ *Ruth LeClere Roy*

October 06, 2023 at 01:12 AM



“ *Ruth LeClere Roy*

October 05, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ *Ruth LeClere Roy*

October 05, 2023 at 01:54 AM



“ *I am so terribly sorry that I could not be there today. I have many, many fond memories of Aunt Ruth from my childhood. We had some really good times. My thoughts and prayers go out to Fran, Cricket and Lauryn. She lived a wonderfully long and full life and I am going to miss her greatly!*

Hallie (Whittington) Garrison

Hallie Garrison - June 18, 2011 at 11:04 AM



“ *My precious Auntie. The Groves family will greatly miss you, the wonderful sister to our mother, Bernice. You have been such an inspiration to me and always a very fun, loving person. Aunt Ruth was always concerned about each one individually. I can't imagine a Groves Family Reunion without her. Our love, prayers and concern for each of you cousins, Lauryn, Fran, and Cricket tomorrow as you celebrate the great life of your mother. May God be with you. Ben and Jeanette Sapp*

Ben Jeanette Sapp & Sister Bernice - June 17, 2011 at 11:33 PM

JH

“ *Thought of her just this past Sunday while driving in Memorial at the tollway by her old neighborhood. Great memories of great times in the late 60's and early 70's. Locked In Surf Shop and Locked In Sports. Truly a remarkable woman whose memory of having the privilege to know her will last my lifetime. God Bless.*
Joe Hunt

Joe Hunt - June 16, 2011 at 01:13 PM

JP

“ *What a lovely tribute, I'm so happy to learn more about the life of this remarkable woman and to see how many of her talents and passions live on in her descendants. Lauryn, Leslie and Taylor, my thoughts and prayers are with you, and with all of the family.*

Joanie Patrick

Joanie Patrick - June 14, 2011 at 09:31 AM

KS

“ Ruth was a wonderful lady and caring mom. I thank her for having Lauryn, my wonderful brother in law, and she will be missed by us all.

Kenny & Debbie Sotoodeh

Kenny Sotoodeh - June 14, 2011 at 09:14 AM

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“ Ruth was a wonderful mom and a caring person. I thank her for having Lauryn, my son in law, and will keep all the kids in my prayers.-Evelyn Sotoodeh / San Antonio Texas

Evelyn Sotoodeh - June 14, 2011 at 08:00 AM

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“ How lucky we would all be to live our lives with the independence and fearlessness that Ruth experienced. She embraced change with the zest of a maverick. Although she lives on in her children and grandchildren, her sweet smile will be missed. Pamela Sotoodeh and Larry Sands/ Port Aransas, Tx

Pamela Sotoodeh/Larry Sands - June 12, 2011 at 11:45 AM

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“ I will always remember Ruth as a strong willed person that lived life to the full. It seemed to me that she committed herself 1000% to whatever she put her mind to. I know she will be missed by all that knew and loved her. I was always impressed with her ageless grace and positive attitude. My love a prayers to Lauryn, Fran, and Cricket during this time of reflection.-Larry Sotoodeh / San Antonio

Larry Sotoodeh - June 12, 2011 at 07:48 AM