

Ruth Estelle Donnocker



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We make this announcement to all those friends and family who were so important to our cherished cousin Ruth Estelle Donnocker: Ruth passed away peacefully and comfortably Saturday, August 21, 2021, with her beloved younger cousin Charlie Groth holding her hand and bringing her all our love. Ruth was born August 26, 1932, and so this coming Thursday would have been her 89th birthday. Beloved and only child of Roy Percival Donnocker (b. Lewiston, Maine) and Dora Grace Donnocker (Dora Dean Grace b. Bradford County, PA) she was raised in the Bronx, New York City. In June, 1953, Ruth graduated from Hunter College in New York City with a Bachelor of

Arts in Art and a minor in Humanities. She received an MA in Education at Columbia Teacher's College in January 1956 and embarked on a teaching career that spanned many years, many countries, many interesting people in the arts and cultures of the world, and which eventually returned her to a new life in retirement in Towanda, Bradford County, PA. There she actively and enthusiastically made treasured friends, engaged with local family, embraced her lifetime accomplishments as an artist and student of art in water color and oil painting, photography, doll-making, knitting, quilting, local community theater, flower arranging, gardening, the Bradford County Historical Society, the Red Hat Club, the Quarry Glen Club, various book clubs, opera, classical music, volunteering at the French Azilum historic site, having a voracious appetite for political issues, and too many other valued and valuable groups and activities to list in their entirety. Burial will be private, and instead of services at this time, an Art Show and Sale in her memory and in celebration of her life will be held when pandemic conditions allow. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to some of Ruth's favorite organizations: the Unitarian Universalist Church of Athens and Sheshequin which she attended in Athens, PA, Habitat for Humanity, the Bradford County Historical Society and the Metropolitan Opera Guild. Farewell, dear Ruth! Fair winds and following seas! You will be forever remembered as a role model to younger women in your family and beyond for living a full and meaningful life.

By Bobbie Groth