



## Ruth A Thompson

September 5, 1918 - October 30, 2013

Ruth A. Thompson, age 95 of Hobart, passed away on October 30, 2013. She was a well known Northwest Indiana violinist with the Northwest Indiana Symphony (57 years), the LaPorte Symphony and the Southwest Symphony. Ruth provided music for many musicals over the years. She was a retired music teacher from the Gary School System. After raising 6 children she returned to school (I.U.) and received her bachelors degree in Music Education. Ruth received her Masters from Northwestern. She served as a string coach and chaperone for the American Youth Symphony in 1968 and 1969. She met and married her late husband, Murl Thompson, at Bradley University in Peoria, where she grew up. She organized the Thompson String Quartet which provided music for many local events. Ruth was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Hobart where she was very involved with the music program.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Murl and brother Joseph Glenn Klecker. Ruth is survived by her children – Judy B. Thompson-Hall of Hobart, James L. (Charlet) Thompson of Richland Hills, TX, David M. (Ginny) Thompson of The Villages, FL, Donna R. (Jack) Woods of Federal Way, WA; Glenn A. Thompson of Sacramento, CA, Susan (Paul) Miller of Hebron; 15 grandchildren, 2 step-grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; niece – Sherrill Petri of Peoria, IL and nephew – Steven Klecker of IA.

Funeral service Monday, November 4, 2013 at 10 a.m. at Burns Funeral Home, 701 E. 7th St., Hobart, IN, Rev. Rebecca Smith and Rev. Dan Richwine

concelebrating. Entombment in Graceland Cemetery Mausoleum, Valparaiso.  
Friends are invited to meet with Ruth's family on Sunday from 2-8 p.m.

# Cemetery Details

## Graceland Cemetery

1505 E. Morthland Drive  
Valparaiso, IN 46383

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 3. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Ms. Thompson taught me violin in orchestra class at Beckman Junior High in 1981...then she kidnapped me and wouldn't let me leave! What in the world...? All suited up for gym class and then escorted back to the orchestra room! Well, I wish I hadn't been so complacent about seeking her out later to say "Thank you" for her time and attention and for believing in me. I won a competition and was proud to play so beautifully. What a neat lady.

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**Lori Lincoln** - November 02, 2013 at 12:18 AM

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“ My twin sister and I were in Mrs. Thompson's orchestra class at Beckman Middle School 77-78. My sister, Tonya, played violin and I played viola. As teacher's kids we found safe harbor in Mrs. Thompson's class. Since we played piano for years, learning a stringed instrument fit nicely and she was happy to have such attentive students. I will always have fond memories of Mrs. Thompson.

*Tracy Anderson, nee Johnson*

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**Tracy Anderson** - November 01, 2013 at 08:45 AM

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“ Dear Judy and Susan,  
I loved your mother dearly. She was my friend and often laugh-mate  
at the Willows. We shared sunshine, chocolates and roses Her  
empty bed tears at my heart but I know she is Home with her  
Father. The sweet music of her life was a blessing to all of us.  
Thank you for sharing her with all of us. My deepest sympathy to all  
Ruths' family.

With love and respect,

Ramona

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Ramona Porter - November 01, 2013 at 12:16 AM