



## Mary Ruth Gilde

February 19, 1916 - August 9, 2011

GILDE, Mary Ruth

(1916-2011)

Mary Ruth Gilde, known to friends and family as Ruth, passed away on August 9, 2011 after a brief battle against lymphoma which had mercifully been in remission for five years. The daughter of Fred and Julia Bachmeier, she was born at home on the family farm in Turtle Lake, Wisconsin. She grew up and lived most of her adult life in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Ruth's first job upon graduating from high school was with the Betty Crocker Test Kitchen in St. Paul. After several jobs in sales, she found her life-long calling as a proof reader (comparer) for West Publishing Company in St. Paul - the largest law book publisher in the United States. Ruth retired in 1981 after a career that spanned 29 years. She re-located to Santa Barbara in 2003 to live with her daughter and son-in-law. Ruth was an avid reader, loved to crochet and created many beautiful baby blankets for the Linus Project.

Ruth was predeceased by her husband, Joseph. She is survived by daughter, Joanne Nelson (Bob) of Santa Barbara, grandson R. Andrew Nelson (Pamela) and great-grandson, David and by grandson, Brian Nelson and great-grandchildren, Kirsten and Brett.

There will be a memorial service in her honor at Trinity Lutheran Church, Foothill & La Cumbre on Saturday, August 27 at 2 PM. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Altar Guild of Trinity Lutheran Church. Interment will be on October 1 at Elmhurst Cemetery, St. Paul, Minnesota.