



## Ruth Anthony

December 14, 2015

In the 92nd year of her beautiful life Ruth passed away peacefully on December 14, 2015. She was the devoted daughter of Albert and Grace Hanson, the loving wife of Kenneth (1989) and the caring partner of Harry Weston (2015). Her children, Kent, Glen (Frida), Robin (2014) (Ron) and Pamela, and grandchildren, Max, Graham, Thomas and Karyn will miss her smile, her grace, her quiet strength, her countless words of encouragement, but most of all her hugs.

Our memories of her are vivid. As a young mother, Ruth would awaken each of her children, every morning, with the words, "Rise and shine, rise and shine." And we tried our best to shine for her. In her grandmother years, Ruth and Ken became Roodee and Papa, a role they cherished and shared with love and guidance. The family would appreciate your personal memory of Ruth which can be submitted on this website. Sincere thanks to the Weston family for their support and camaraderie during Ruth and Harry's senior years. As Ruth wished, cremation has taken place and there will be no formal service. For expressions of sympathy please make donations, in Ruth's name, to your preferred charity.

Roodee loved books and her love of words was instilled in each of us. In our lives a new chapter has begun. Every day is a new beginning and when we awaken tomorrow we will remember her voice, "Rise and shine, rise and shine."



# Tribute Wall

NS

“ I just received word that a great lady passed away. I know how sad this time will be for you and the rest of the family, losing your Mom so close to Christmas. I was thinking of her just recently, knowing that I needed to take time to track her down but, of course, I didn't. I was so very fortunate to have your Mom as my secretary when I took on my first principalship at Rosebank. She was so knowledgeable of the entire school population and the community, able to perform all asks efficiently and with such class. I was very concerned when arriving at Rosebank, knowing that the secretary was such a fixture at the school and in the community. Not only that, I had taught her youngest (Pam) and my brother had taught her eldest (Kent). What a welcome relief when she handed me a broom and said "We need a clean sweep." And that's just what happened. A physical cleaning of the school and half of the staff arrived new with me. What a wonderful place to start the most rewarding phase of my career with your Mom as such an asset. One day she told me that the auditors would be coming the next day. I panicked and asked if the books were in good shape. She assured me they were. When the auditors arrived, it had nothing to do with the school's funds. Instead it was staff from the Auditor General of Ontario checking on the use of computers in schools. They spent a couple of days with us at Rosebank and found that our little school was well equipped with computers, teachers who made good use of them and students who were making great progress with them...30 years ago. The renaming of the school library was a fitting gesture at the time of your Mom's retirement. Foolish me had her seated in the wrong spot to hear all the glowing tributes to her as she had her bad ear to the speakers. In her own inimitable style, your Mom sat, smiled and never let on how little she could hear of the proceedings. Pam, I am so truly saddened by this news but so happy that I was able to be a small part of her life, knowing that she played a really big part in my life. Please pass on my condolences to the entire family. Sincerely,

*Neil Simpson*

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**Neil Simpson** - December 26, 2015 at 07:44 PM

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**Kent Anthony** - December 23, 2015 at 10:28 AM

PR

“ You may not remember me. I met you a number of times when you visited Rosebank with your mother. I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I've missed my visits with Ruth. In the beginning, when she visited Rosebank, we actually had time to sit and have a cup of tea and catch up. I really enjoyed those visits, every June and December, with her very, generous, Christmas donation to "The Ruth Anthony Library".

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> It was very daunting for me when I came to Rosebank. I heard from everyone, who knew your mother, about the very big shoes I had to fill -- it never happened. She was a true "lady" with so much class. Always very kind, and so helpful. I loved going through all the things she brought for our little ones, in Margaret Kelly's grade one class, every time she was cleaning drawers and closets.

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> I just received my Christmas card from Ruth yesterday. She's been on my mind and I intended to call her this week.

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> She will always be remembered in a very loving way.

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> Please pass on my condolences to your family.

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> With sympathy,

> Pat Rogers

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Pat Rogers - December 23, 2015 at 08:43 AM

CC

“ This is for Kent, Glen, Pamela and all your family. My heartfelt sympathy is given to all of you. Mrs. Anthony once told me (and some other Rosebank Road Public School kids, if I remember correctly) that, when asked how many children she had, she would reply that she had hundreds of them. As the secretary of Rosebank Road Public School for so many years, she certainly did show concern and take interest in all the children there; now wonder she referred to them as hers. But, in her lifetime, she was also the biological mother of four outstanding children, wife and companion to two distinguished men, and a most gracious and caring lady to all who knew her. We should all follow her advice to rise and shine, because, in leading by example, she always did exactly that.

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**Carolyn Craig** - December 19, 2015 at 08:17 AM

BC

“ So sad to hear of Ruth's passing. She was a wonderful friend and neighbour. I have such fond memories of our families living next door to one another. Particularly at this time of year I can remember the visits on Christmas Eve once everything was ready for the next day's festivities. This visit might have been a 9:00 pm or midnight depending on how complicated the toys were to be assembled.

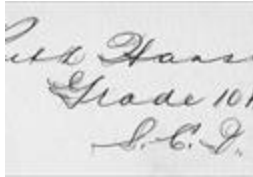
*Love Bonnie and Dave Collacutt*

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**Bonnie Collacutt** - December 18, 2015 at 09:06 PM

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**Kent Anthony** - December 18, 2015 at 02:27 PM

SR

“ We are so sorry to hear the news of Ruth's passing. She was a most gracious lady and we too will always remember her smiles, her kindness and her total devotion to her children, grandchildren, siblings and extended family. Ruth will be missed by all who's lives she has touched.

*With our deepest sympathies,*

*Susan and Larry Rogers, Oshawa*

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**Susan & Larry Rogers** - December 18, 2015 at 09:04 AM