

Remembering Ruth Mellinger



Ruth Mellinger was an original member of Heather Ridge and Chimney Hill. She played golf several times a week until recently. She always walked and pushed her cart. She lived on the west side of in Chimney Hill between the 3rd green and the 4th tee box. Ruth always had a smile and would always have something pleasant to say. Ruth Elizabeth Spohr Mellinger, born October 11, 1924, passed away on March 8, 2015. Ruth was born in Cincinnati, Ohio. She graduated from Walnut Hills High School and attended college at Depauw University. Ruth married Jack C. Mellinger, deceased, and in 1960 moved to Colorado where she had been a resident for 50 years. Ruth enjoyed skiing, tennis, hiking and was an avid golfer. But her passion was her love of travel. Over her lifetime Ruth visited over 40 countries. She volunteered at Swedish Hospital for 10 years and was a personal secretary and bookkeeper for Darcy and Ruth Brown for 15 years. For the last 20 years Ruth volunteered at the Polton Elementary School where she worked the 4th and 2nd grade classrooms. Ruth's zest for life is her greatest legacy and she will be deeply missed by all. She is survived by her three daughters, Leslie Heatherman and husband Pat; Lynn Lindeman and husband Dave; and Diane Zavitz and husband John and her six granddaughters; Amy Heatherman, Margaret Heatherman, Erin Heatherman, Sydney Lindeman, Sarah Zavitz and Elizabeth Zavitz. The family wishes to especially acknowledge the staff at Polton Elementary for making Ruth feel valued and giving her a sense of purpose over the last 20 years.. In lieu of flowers you may remember Ruth with a donation to the Polton Elementary School, 2985 S. Oakland Street, Aurora, CO 80014.