



**HEATON, Ruth Ellen
(Dumroese)**

Ruth Ellen Heaton, age 61, of Elk Grove passed away April 25, 2013, following a brief illness. Born September 21, 1951 in Freeport, Illinois to Ronald Alfred and Janet Lee (Kasten) Dumroese, Ruth graduated from Freeport High School in 1969, having served as school newspaper editor and commencement speaker. An Illinois Scholar, she received her Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education from Concordia Teachers' College, River Forest, Illinois, in 1973. Married in Freeport 1972, she and her husband Donald Wayne Kehres began their teaching careers at the Lutheran school in Bristol, Connecticut. Returning to the Midwest, they adopted a daughter, Jennifer, in 1983 and were later divorced. Ruth developed an interest in banking and computer systems, and in 1992 became a business analyst for tax reporting and 401(k) investments with DST Systems in Kansas City, Missouri. In 1993 she married Paul Curtis Heaton in Kansas City and in 1999 began working as an IT Analyst for Los Rios Community College District in Sacramento, a position she held until her death. Ruth enjoyed handwork, first counted cross stitch and later creating beaded jewelry. She was a Mary Kay beauty consultant, a member of Mensa, loved playing bridge and bunco, and was a member of St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Sacramento.

She is survived by her husband, Paul; her daughter, Jennifer Collete Kehres of Concord, CA; a sister, Rhoda Lee Fink of Lanark, IL; a brother, Kasten (Deborah) Dumroese of Moscow, ID; 4 grandchildren: Kayla Maria Kehres, Ryan Edward Hobbs, Michael James Tyberias Hobbs, John Luis Francisco Hobbs; and 3 nephews: Peter Arthur Fink, Christopher Lee Fink, and Niklaas Kasten Dumroese.

Her parents and brother-in-law, Ted Arthur Fink, preceded her in death.

Visitation is Wednesday, May 1, 4-8 pm and Service is Thursday, 10 am, both at East Lawn Elk Grove Memorial Park & Mortuary, 9189 E. Stockton Blvd, Elk Grove. Rev. Carl Hoppman presiding. Private inurement follows. Remembrances in Ruth's name may be made to St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 7595 Center Parkway, Sacramento, 95823.

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