

RUTH RIEDMANN ELSASSER FAMILY

In Memory of Ruth Ann Riedmann Elsasser

1933-1992

By Debbie Enholm

For those of you that knew Ruth, you know that she loved children, golf, a Windsor Press, a cold beer by the water or on a boat, football games, shopping anywhere, traveling, or at home entertaining family and friends. She had fun with whatever she was doing.

For those of you that didn't know Ruth, she was one heck of a lady and one great Mom.

I believe if she was alive today should still be doing all the things she always did. She would probably be retired but busier than ever. I think we would be doing some traveling together. She would have loved watching Andy graduate from High School and would have been taking massive pictures the night Matt went to Prom. She would also love to see Brandon playing his electric guitar, and Sammy playing the drums, and watching Casey play soccer or baseball. Last but not least there would be Megan, being the only granddaughter in the bunch. What a pair that would be. She would have loved Dale's bride Brenda and the bond that her children have with one another. Mom would have loved Celine Dion and the Botanical Gardens and what happened to her Enron Co. I am so glad we have always carried her around in our hearts. That way we believe that she has never missed a thing.

Debbie and Mark Enholm

Debbie is the Daughter of Ruth Riedmann

Mark and Debbie's first date was an Omaha Knight's hockey game. Debbie was the hockey nut and one game later, so was Mark

We were married April 11, 1975. Mark worked at Union Pacific Railroad and Debbie worked at Mutual of Omaha. We moved to 38 and Castelar which was the house Debbie lived in until the 4 grade. We built a house 3 years later at 125 and Ohio Circle and lived there for twenty years until we built a house in on North 43rd in Hillsborough, where we both have our offices. Mark has been with the Vernon Company for the last 121 years selling as specialty items and Debbie travels the state of Nebraska selling gifts to gift stores. She has been a Manufacturers Rep for about 6 years and is currently with Bates and Associates out of Kansas City.

They have two sons, Andy is almost 21 and in the U.S. Navy stationed in Guam. He has been in Hong Kong on the USS Frank Cable and is on a sub-tender as a Machinist Repairman. Hopefully, he will be able to take a leave next when Matt graduates. Matt is 17 and he will be a senior at Burk High School. He plays football and wrestling for the Dawgs and works at the Village Inn. He keeps telling me that he is having "Way too much fun to graduate", and I hope he is kidding.

Mark and Debbie still have their Hot Air Balloon called Wind Jalopy that Mark has been Flying for 25 years. Debbie never asks for him to choose, as wives can be replaced. Mark also coaches hockey. He coached many years when Andy played and he now coaches for the West Omaha High School team. It also makes the winters months go by faster until he can go flying again.

Debbie enjoys traveling and concerts and she puts the two together whenever she can.

She has never become the cook that her mother Ruth was so she has handed that job over to Mark.

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Gary A. Elsasser

Middle Child of Ruth Riedmann Elsasser

I have been a practicing Chiropractor in Omaha, Nebraska since 1982 and married to the gorgeous Kathy, in case she reads this.

We have two boys and they are my hobbies, interests, and sports.

Brandon, age 16, is my young academic, all everything. He is involved in Boy Scouts and music and will be a great businessman, so his dad can retire early.

Sam, age 13, us the official, family comedian and prankster. If he survives his family he will be the next Great Comic Actor.

Casey, age 9, is the sweetest, most caring, individual I have ever known. It can't hold up long and I will eventually fear him the most.

Kath keeps us close as a unit and I have been blessed to have the two most incredible women I have ever me on my course. (Saint Ruth and Saint Kathy)

The last memory I have of my mom would be how special she made us all feel on each Holliday. She had more days to celebrate than even the Hallmark has on its calendar.

The best memory I have of being with the Riedmann family is the 4 of July at the Van's, Irene's home, in the back yard on blankets. Then later out at the lake house.

I hope the younger members know that if Uncle Lou asks you to row a boat out to the middle of the lake, you are Fair Game!!