

Ruth Pearson Beattie, 93, beloved wife, mother, grandma and teacher, died peacefully on March 11, 2010. Ruth was born on March 7, 1917 and grew up in Chicago where she taught elementary school. On November 23, 1940 she married Butler (Bob) Beattie. They later moved to New Lenox where they resided for 47 years before moving to Austin, Texas to be near family. Ruth taught school in New Lenox for 20 years, served on the library board and was an active member of Trinity Lutheran Church (she was one of their oldest volleyball players). Besides her family and students, Ruth loved gardening, books, words and nature. Ruth is predeceased by her parents, Frank and Ruth Pearson; her husband, Butler Beattie; her sisters, Frances Pearson Howells and Faith Pearson Trickler and by her daughter, Catherine Beattie Bitner. Ruth is survived by her son-in-law, LeRoy Bitner, her son, Frank Pearson Beattie; her daughter and son-in-law, Irene Beattie and Edwin Bailen, four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Services at Peace Lutheran Church in Austin, TX. If you are so inclined, in lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to one of the following: The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer, P. O. Box 4486, Houston, TX 77210-4486 www.mdanderson.org; or Autism Research Institute, 4182 Adams Avenue, San Diego, CA 92116, www.autism.com; or Peace Lutheran Church Building Fund, 10625 Ranch Road 620 Austin, TX, 78726, www.peaceaustin.org.