

It is with great sadness that we share news of Ruth Lenore Hawkins, who passed away peacefully on December 15, 2006 at the age of 90 in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Ruth was born October 7, 1916 in Red Lodge, Montana, to Archibald and Lucy Muir Cooley. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Lisle. Ruth grew up in Red Lodge and attended Cottey College in Nevada, Missouri. It was there she met Lisle, who followed Ruth back to Montana, where they were married.

Ruth and Lisle worked together establishing several small businesses in Miles City, Montana. In 1956, the family moved to Scottsdale, where they co-founded Green Acres Mortuary and Cemetery, and later developed Pueblo Sereno Mobile Home Park. Ruth was a life-long member of the P.E.O. Sisterhood. She was an avid bridge player, a composer of poetry, and was known for her quick wit. Ruth brought joy and humor to all she met.

In their later years, Ruth and Lisle traveled extensively in their Marathon coach, having fun and creating memories with their bus friends. At each Marathon gathering they attended, they made friends and generated lots of laughter. Now that Ruth and Lisle are reunited, they are undoubtedly having one big party with all their bus friends that passed before them.

Ruth is survived by three sons: David, Phil, and William; daughters-in-law Loralie, Barbara, and Orrie; five grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. Ruth is entombed in the family mausoleum. If you would like to honor Ruth's memory, the family requests donations to: PEO Sisterhood Cottey College, 9419 North 125th Place, Scottsdale, Arizona 85259; or Hospice of the Valley, 6063 East Arbor Avenue, Mesa, Arizona 85206. •

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