

Ruthe A. Wells, 82



Ruthe A. Wells, 82, died Friday in Macon, Ga., where she had lived for the past 17 years, not far from her son and his family.

Ruthe was born in Montezuma in 1925, the second daughter of Roy Milton Sweny and Anna Mae Trimble. She spent her school years living in the elm-shaded, white house at 203 West Jefferson in Montezuma. She graduated from Montezuma High School in 1943, where she was a cheerleader.

During World War II, Ruthe moved west to work in Long Beach, Calif., where she met her future husband, then Army Lt. Donal C. Wells. They were married in 1946. Don made a career of the Army, and so they spent most of their married lives serving around the world – in England, Taiwan, and Panama – and across the USA in San Francisco

and New York City, in Kansas, North Carolina and Texas. Ruthe returned to live in Montezuma twice while Don served in Saudi Arabia (1963-64) and Viet Nam (1972-73). She and Don had one child, Chris, who graduated from Montezuma High School in 1967. They retired to El Paso, Texas in 1973. After Don's death in 1978, she stayed on in El Paso and remained active with work, folk dancing and world travel until 1989. She moved to West Virginia and next to Georgia to be close to her grandchildren, Caitlin and Davis. While in Macon, she did volunteer work in a local nursing home.

Survivors include her son, Chris Wells, a law professor at Mercer University; his wife, Dr. Miranda Pratt; Caitlin and Davis Wells, all of Macon, Ga.; and her nieces, Sue Kapp Kerchenfaut, of Ft. Collins, Colo., and Debbie Fell Vento, of Half Moon Bay, Calif.

She will be laid to rest with her husband in the Ft. Bliss National Cemetery at El Paso, Texas.

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