



## Ruthann W. Safford

August 8, 1950 - September 6, 2018

Ruthann W. Safford, Passed away on Sept 6th, at home in Salt Lake City. She was born on Aug 8th, 1950 in Salt Lake City to LaMarr and Ruth T. Williams. She married David L. Safford, they were married on March 3, 1978. She graduated from Granger High School and attend Dixie University.

She was an accomplished artist and dedicated to her craft. She worked for Capital Ceramics for 40+ years. She was a dedicated wife, sister, mother, and grandmother. She always made sure her family was cared for.

She is survived by her husband David L. Safford her sister Kathy (Peewee) Dell. Her son Ryan (Whitney) Safford her daughter Shelby Safford and her grandkids Davontae, Grayson, and Sawyer.

She is preceded in death by her mother and father and her mother-in-law. Her two oldest brothers Robert "Bob" Williams and Richard "Rick" Williams.

To her wishes for no one to fuss over her, no services will be held we just ask for you to remember her as she was.

We wish to thank U of U hospital, Highland Care Center, and Valeo Home Health and Hospice for the care that was provided to her.

Please share memories and condolences at [www.serenityfhs.com](http://www.serenityfhs.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ruthann W. Safford*

October 05, 2023 at 07:49 PM



“ *Ruthann...I think of you every day. I miss you so much. I think of things I want to talk to you about and my heart just hurts because I can't. Rest in peace always. I love you so much.*



**Jeri Peratis** - September 08, 2019 at 01:11 PM



“ *Jeri Peratis lit a candle in memory of Ruthann W. Safford*



**Jeri Peratis** - August 09, 2019 at 05:53 PM



“ *Ryan Safford lit a candle in memory of Ruthann W. Safford*



**Ryan Safford** - August 08, 2019 at 02:32 AM



“ I am devastated by the loss of my best friend of over 50 years. We were attached at the hip doing most everything together. High school, Dixie Jr College and then working together in the family business, Capital Ceramics. We laughed hard and we cried hard too. She was my confidant and I could always count on her to listen and comfort me when life was not going according to my plan. I can't imagine life without her and I was so lucky to have her visit me in April for a few days this year. We went to Kanab to meet up with an old college friend and it was so good to relive those wonderful memories of Dixie. She was an amazing artist, in ceramics, china painting and crafts, she just had the vision of the completed project before she started. She made many friends while working at the shop, and it was always so fun to see her light up when they came in the door.



We had talked about doing our Thelma and Louise moment together, but alas she escaped that antic. I will miss her forever, however I am so, so grateful that she came into my life and made such a huge impact on me and everyone she met over the course of her life.

To Dave, Katherine, Pewee, Shelby, Ryan, Michelle and the grandson's you have been blessed to have Ruthie in your lives. May those wonderful memories comfort you in the days ahead.

Love to you all,

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**Janelle Peratis** - September 16, 2018 at 05:39 PM

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“ *Ruthann was so very special. I loved seeing her at Capital Ceramics each week for many years. It was such a happy time for me. She was so creative, thoughtful, knowledgeable and endearing. She was one of my favorite people and I loved her.*

*Ruthann, may you be happy and at peace as you embark on your next adventure.*

*Life is but a short trip to happiness....*

*Kay Kuzminski*

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**Kay Kuzminski** - September 15, 2018 at 05:30 PM

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“ *Anne Quigley*

*I had so many great conversations with her. She was the one I missed the most when they closed up shop. I will always remembered her impeccable handwriting as shei wrote the invoices on that crazy machine they used up to the end. She was really a top notch human being. Her husband works for GSD, grounds department, or he use too.*

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**Anne Quigley** - September 14, 2018 at 10:01 PM



“ I am so saddened this amazing woman has left us so early in life. I loved Ruthann and will never forget how her face would light up whenever we shared animal stories - especially horses. She loved sharing her horse calendars. Seeing Ruthann at Capital Ceramics visits was the highlight of my teaching career. I found myself going to the shop when I didn't even need product because I enjoyed the company and visits so much. Ruthann had a knowledge of ceramics and products that will probably never be replaced in my lifetime. Her sense of humor was always a treat to end a work day with. My heart aches for her family and dear friends. Ruthann will now shine down on us and always be close to our hearts - especially during studio time.

*Rosie Mitchell*

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**Rosemary Mitchell** - September 14, 2018 at 07:39 PM



“ *Jeri Peratis lit a candle in memory of Ruthann W. Safford*



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**Jeri Peratis** - September 14, 2018 at 04:32 PM

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“*Ruthann was my best friend and co-worker at Capital Ceramics for 45 years. She made everyday the best day. She just lit up the room when she walked in. She had a wonderful sense of humor and a sharp wit. She could have people laughing so hard tears would roll down their cheeks. She made everyday at work so enjoyable. She was such an artist....her creations were so beautiful. She could paint anything and make it one of a kind. She was the kindest person I ever met. Oh Ruthann, I think of you everyday and I'll miss you so much.*

*I send my condolences to her family at this very difficult time.*

*Rest in peace my friend, I will never ever forget you.*

*Jeri Peratis*

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**Jeri Peratis** - September 14, 2018 at 04:31 PM

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*Ruthann was so very special. I loved seeing her at Capital Ceramics each week for many years. It was such a happy time for me. She was so creative, knowledgeable, helpful and endearing and one of my favorite people. She was a friend whom I loved. Ruthann, may you be happy and at peace as you begin your next adventure. Life is but a short journey to happiness...*

*Kay Kuzminski*

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**Kay Kuzminski** - September 14, 2018 at 06:40 PM

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*I met Ruthann "Ruthie" at the Salt Lake Art Center in an Experimental Darkroom Techniques class in 1975. We had a blast baking negatives and printing one-of-a-kind images. Over the next 40 years we stayed in touch even though our lives took us down many different pathways. Ruthann was one of the kindest and most generous people I have ever known. Her infectious laughter helped heal hundreds of souls including my own. Her artistic ability and knowledge of ceramics goes without saying – a true artist and professional – but never afraid of sharing what she knew with others. I will miss her smile, laughter and wit – her passing is truly a great loss for everyone. I would like to extend my condolences to the Safford family and all those who knew and loved Ruthann. The world and our lives will never be quite the same.*  
*Rick Graham - SLC*

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**Rick Graham** - October 03, 2018 at 07:21 PM

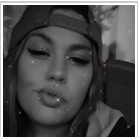
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“ *I loved Ruthann! I feel like we were friends from the first time I met her. I will miss seeing her beautiful smiling face. My condolences go out to her family for the loss of such a wonderful person. Dave, I'm only a telephone call away if you need help with anything. He only takes the "VERY BEST"*

*Jill at VCU*

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**Jill Hoskings** - September 14, 2018 at 02:04 PM



“ *I love u mom u were the best mom I could of ever asked for u did everything u could for me no matter what it was u made sure I had it... u were the best grandma ever!! All around u were the best woman ever an if I could I would want to grow up and be just like u in every way*

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**Shelby Shaw** - September 12, 2018 at 09:03 PM