

Ruth A. Bauer

Ruth A. Bauer, age 65, of Boscobel, Wisconsin closed the circle of her life on this Earth on Wednesday, February 27th, 2019 .

Memorial services will be on Sunday, March 10th at the Phillips Funeral Home in West Bend, Wisconsin. Visitation will be from 10:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m. with a luncheon to follow. A celebration of Ruth's life will also be held at the Paul Brandt School Forest on or around Earth Day this spring.

Ruth was born on August 3, 1953 in West Bend, Wisconsin. After graduating from West Bend East High School in 1971, she earned her Bachelor's Degree in Art Education from UW-Oshkosh in 1975 and her Master's Degree in Environmental Education for Teachers from UW-Stevens Point in 1995. She began her 34 year teaching career at Arcadia Public Schools in the fall of 1977. From 1987-2011 she taught K-6 Art Education and Gifted and Talented for Boscobel Area Schools. Ruth was also the Paul Brandt School Forest Coordinator from 2006-present.

Ruth's career as an art educator was one that she valued very much. She felt that there was no better job than educating young children about the arts.

Ruth's commitment to environmental causes was evident throughout her life. She was a Save the Rainforest chaperone, taking high school students to Panama for three summers. After traveling to Far Eastern Russia to work with students at the newly created Muraviovka Park in 1995, she became a dedicated volunteer with [Friends of Muraviovka Park](#).

Ruth was a life member of the following organizations: Wisconsin Association of Environmental Education, North American Association for Environmental Education, National Education Association, and Prairie Enthusiasts. Ruth enjoyed birding, traveling, making barn quilts, and spending time with friends and family. As an avid rock hound, she collected rocks from 49 states while traveling across the USA. Ruth loved road trips and having many interesting adventures along the way.

Ruth was preceded in death by her parents, Carl P. Bauer and Rose Bauer (Lecher) and her significant other, Paul F. Brandt, of Boscobel. She is survived by her sister, Rosemary Stendahl, of West Bend; brother, Richard Bauer (Marie Danekas), of Lomira; and brother, Ralph Bauer (Jane) of West Bend. She is also survived by nephews, nieces, cousins, and many good friends.

The Funeral Home will be assisting the family. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Paul Brandt School Forest Fund of Boscobel Area Schools.

