

## Ruth Williamson

Ruth Williamson was born the daughter of an American Baptist minister in Vermont in 1936. Her 25-cent class piano lessons, a Sears, Roebuck & Co. violin, and a used trumpet led her on the path to becoming “a hopeless and unapologetic music addict.”

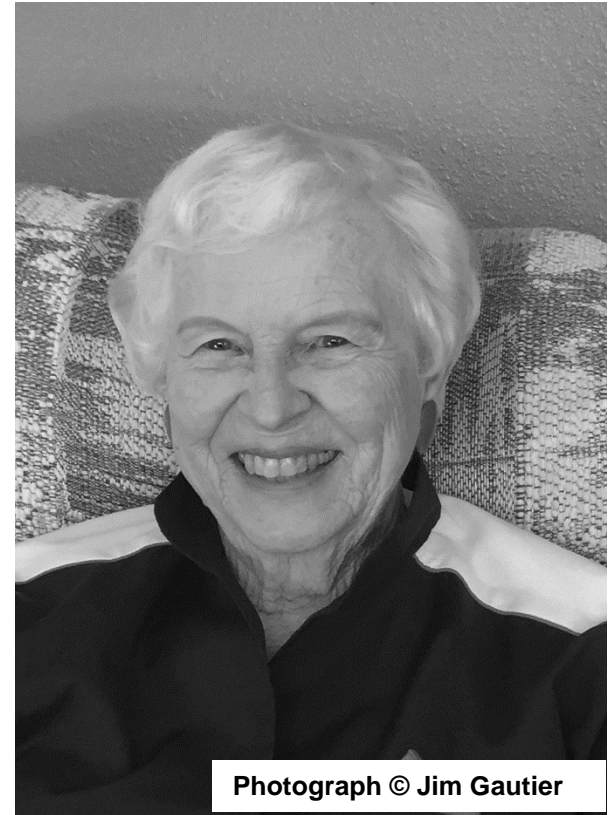
Ruth and her husband Ken moved to Los Alamos in 1961 and raised their three children here. When Ken died in 1989 at age 53, Ruth endeavored to “bring joy to others by touching one life a day with a card, call, visit, food, transportation, or just a word of gratitude.”

Ruth provided music therapy to mentally, visually, or physically challenged youth and adults. For nearly two decades, a highlight of her week has been leading music activities for the Day Out program. Ruth served as treasurer of the Los Alamos Concert Association and as president of Student Concerts Inc., which brought concerts to schools.

She scheduled noon musicales at the Los Alamos National Laboratory cafeteria.

She contributed her musical skills to the Bethlehem Lutheran and United Church, played trumpet with the Los Alamos Sinfonietta, piano with the Los Alamos Community Winds, and piano for benefit concerts. A hospice volunteer and bereavement counselor for 10 years, Ruth’s compassion has touched many lives.

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