



***Ruth B. Wetherington***

January 18, 1931 - January 15, 2024

Celebrating the Life of  
***Ruth Wetherington***  
Sunday, January 21, 2024 3:00 p.m.  
Broussard's Chapel  
Beaumont, Texas  
Pastor Kenny Miller

*"Amazing Grace"*  
Darlene Favre

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Remembering Ruth

Words of Comfort

Closing Prayer

*"Songs of the Angels"*  
Darlene Favre



**Ruth B. Wetherington**, 92, of Beaumont, Texas, passed away on Monday, January 15, 2024, at Christus Southeast Texas -St. Elizabeth Hospital, Beaumont, just three days short of her 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday. She was born on January 18, 1931, in Bremen, Germany to Fritz and Erna Kruse. She was an only child. Ruth grew up in a very difficult time during WWII, when Berlin was being bombed nightly. At age 11, her parents sent her to a safer location in East Prussia, and there she was able to continue her education as well. She earned a technical arts degree as a Master Seamstress. In 1951, Ruth married Henry Fracht and they immigrated to the United States and became naturalized citizens after 5 years. Later in life, she enjoyed taking ballroom dancing lessons where she met Elwood Wetherington, her husband of 34 years.

Ruth owned and operated The Bridal Boutique on Calder Avenue for many years. She had a passion for cooking

and baking, and her German heritage brought many delicious meals to the family table. For many years, she was an avid mahjong player. Ruth also made lifelong friends through her association with the German Club of the Golden Triangle. She had a gift for growing orchids, African violets, and other exotic flowers. She and Elwood loved to travel all over the world, and she got to visit many wonderful places. Ruth enjoyed riding hot air balloons and ride snowmobiles in the beautiful mountains of Red River, New Mexico. A lady of many talents, Ruth was also musically inclined, playing both the piano and the accordion.

Above all, she was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and friend, and she will be deeply missed by all who were blessed to know her.

Survivors include her husband, Elwood Wetherington; children, Stuart Fracht of Beaumont, Carey Fracht and his wife, Patty, of Brookeland, Texas; stepchildren, Susan Puz and her husband, John, of Beaumont, Shawna Wetherington and her partner, Vincent Solis, of Round Rock, Texas; grandchildren, Matthew Fracht and his wife, Hannah, James Fracht, and his wife, Sierra, Adam Fracht and his wife, Monica, Jordan Fracht, Haylee (Fracht) Knauth and her husband, Patrick, Steven Puz and wife, Kelly, Colby Puz, Joshua Solis and Nicole Solis; great-grandchildren, Wesley Fracht, Cade Canizales, Phoebe Fracht, Farrah Fracht, Henry Fracht, Levi Fracht, Christopher Hart, Evalyn Puz, and Charlotte Puz. She is also survived by her cousin, Irene Herrmann of Berlin, Germany.





# Führerschein

Herr

Frau

Erzählen

geboren am

*Ruth Fracht geb. Kruse*

*18.1.31. in Bremen*

wohnhaft in

*Beunheim*

*Bärenschild*

Straße Nr.

*8*



erhält die Erlaubnis, nach  
Ablegung der Prüfung ein  
Kraftfahrzeug mit Antrieb  
durch Verbrennungsmaschine der Klasse

*3 (drei)*

zu führen.

*Heppenheim*

*9 Juli 1951*

infrat

*es Bergstr.*

(Unterschrift der  
Ausstellungsbehörde)

(Stempel)

Liste Nr.

*1898/17*

Eigenhändige Unterschrift des Inhabers

„SNK“

1918 1919  
Mittwoch  
Berlin d. 22. 48.

Meine liebe Mutti!

Zwei furchtbare Tage sind ver-  
gangen. Ich habe telefonieren  
wollen, habe keinen anschluss  
gekriegt. Ich stehe nun da, weiß  
nicht hin noch her. Nach  
Berlin kann ich nicht mehr.  
Was soll ich machen? Wir bleiben  
nicht hier wenn die Russen  
kommen. Dann wirst Du Russin  
und ich Engländerin wir finden  
uns dann nie wieder. Weißt  
Du noch den Abend wie ich sagte;  
Ich habe eine so schöne Jugend  
gehabt. Dafür ist die zentrale Zeit  
so schlecht. Kann Buch-  
wald nicht helfen? ?? Seid ihr  
noch in Berlin oder müsstet ihr  
raus. Wenn unser lieber Papa  
das noch weißte. Nun liebe Mutti  
viele Küsse + Liebe u. Klüßchen Ruth

My dear Mutti! Two terrible days have passed. I tried to call you but could not make a connection. Here I am and don't know what to do. I cannot come to Berlin any more. What should I do? This family here is not going to stay when the Russians come. Then you will be Russian and I will be English, and we will never find each other again. You remember the evening when I told you, I had such a beautiful childhood and now it is turning so bad. Could you get some help from Buchwald. Are you still in Berlin, or did you have to flee. If our dear Dad would know all this. Now dear Mutti  
lots of love and kisses Ruth

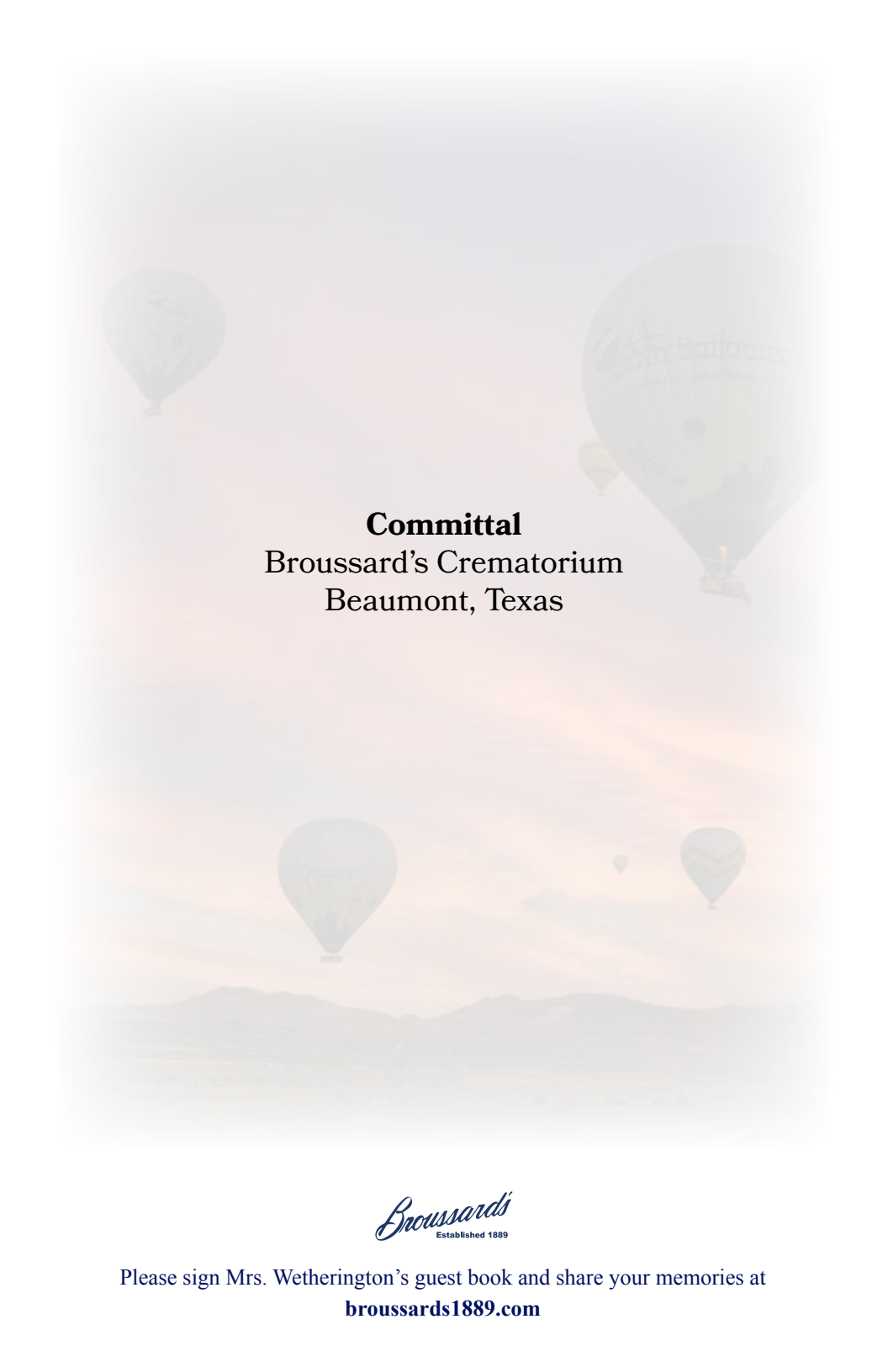












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