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Ruthanne G. Lodato Scholarship

"Ruthanne's music was such a beautiful art. You will forever hear it in your heart. It is such a legacy she left behind. I pray that through her student's music, some comfort you will find."

- Greg and Cindy Omundson



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Ruthanne G. Lodato Scholarship

Ruthanne G. Lodato was a life-long resident of Alexandria, VA who brought the gift and joy of music to thousands of our area's children for almost 40 years. She taught music at area elementary schools, piano at her family home, and early childhood music and movement as the Center Director of Music Together Alexandria. Ruthanne was also an accomplished pianist and church organist, playing at weddings, funerals and church services throughout the region. Ruthanne didn't just teach piano and music lessons to her students; she fostered creativity, confidence and personal growth and instilled a lasting love of music. Sharing this gift of music is her legacy, and her students both young and old are a living tribute to her spirit and generosity.

Below are just a few of the hundreds of quotes from students and their families that Ruthanne taught and how she touched their lives:

"Ruthanne taught Music Together to my three children (and me!) for 4 years. Each week the children would dance, sing, play musical instruments and live the music for the hour we were with her. She gave my children a musical foundation they will never forget."

"Over the years I spent as Ruthanne's student, I not only learned about piano, but also about patience, humor, and the benefits of hard work and practice. Ruthanne was a wonderful woman who will be greatly missed."

"We were fortunate to know [Ruthanne] and are so grateful for the time our girls shared with her through their weekly piano lessons. She will live on through the gift of music she shared with them and thousands of children she touched with her music and spirit."

Unfortunately, Ruthanne's life was tragically taken on **February 6, 2014.** Her family, in concert with the Fairfax County Park Foundation, set up this special scholarship in her honor to allow children without means to receive music classes through the Fairfax County Park System.

To help continue Ruthanne's vocation and make it possible for all children to enjoy a life-long love of music in Fairfax County, contact us:

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