



Recognizing the 103rd Birthday of Ms. Ruth Woodson

April 7, 2023

Whereas, Ruth Maxine Ellefson Woodson was born on April 7, 1920 in Madison, Wisconsin. She grew up in Madison, and attended St. Olaf College and the University of Wisconsin, graduating with a teaching degree.

Whereas, Ruth taught while in Hillsboro, Wisconsin before moving to Washington, DC during World War II. There she met William (Bill) Woodson and they were married in November of 1947. They lived in Madison and had 6 children between 1949 and 1960 – 5 girls and 1 boy.

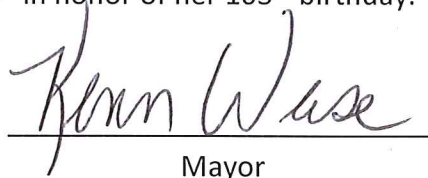
Whereas, Ruth moved to Maryvale in west Phoenix in 1960 where they raised their family and she was active in the Lutheran church and the local Parent Teacher Association. She also worked as a substitute teacher in local schools.

Whereas, Ruth was widowed in 1977 but remained active in many organizations. In 1995 she moved to Sun City where she lived until 2012 when she moved into an independent living apartment in Peoria.

Whereas, Ruth moved to Legacy House in Avondale in August of 2022.

Whereas, Ruth has 6 children, 21 grandchildren, 38 great-grandchildren and her first great-great-grandchild due in September of 2023.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Kenneth Weise, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Avondale, Arizona, and along with the entire Avondale City Council, do hereby proclaim April 7, 2023 as “Ruth Woodson Day” in honor of her 103rd birthday.



Mayor

Attest: 

City Clerk