



**Chapin Living Waters (CLW)  
Bucket Kit News**

**June 2011**



**IN LOVING MEMORY OF RUTH R. CHAPIN  
NOVEMBER 20, 1918 TO JUNE 5, 2011**

**Although Ruth was not on the Board of Chapin Living Waters, her support was continuous from the start. She traveled with her husband to several countries and helped display at many meetings and trade shows. As recently as March of this year, she helped to proof read the Bucket Kit News, and suggested changes when necessary.**



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Born in Watertown, November 20, 1918, to J. Arthur and Mertie Adams Rathbun, Ruth R. Chapin graduated from Watertown High School in 1936 with a diploma in the Commercial Course.

From her earliest days Ruth loved words. She checked out as many books as the library would allow her. She and a classmate ran the junior high library while the librarian was out ill. Throughout her life she was a faithful letter writer to family members. She was a consummate Scrabble player and won the game with her daughter just two weeks prior to her death.

Until she was married, Ruth worked as a secretary/bookkeeper for her father's mutual trust funds business, Incorporated Investors. On July 14, 1938, she was married at Asbury Methodist Church to Richard D. Chapin, who survives her. They moved into a new house of her own design built for them by her father-in-law and have lived in that home for over 72 years. After the marriage, she took over the bookkeeping for Chapin's Flowers and later for Chapin Watermatics, Inc., a local business founded by her husband.

She had a love of words that flowed over into conversation as she extended herself to others. She loved to engage people and always thought of their needs and the importance of getting together. Whether she was welcoming a new neighbor, organizing a family occasion, teaching her Sunday school class, running the Summer Bible School, or calling on someone who was sick, people mattered to her. She was a charter member of the Parkside Bible Church, where she served as pianist and organist for many years.

Ruth was passionate about the work of missionaries, supporting them in every practical and spiritual way she could and encouraging others to do the same. To this end she was active in Alliance Women most of her adult life and served many years as treasurer of the Northeastern District Alliance Women, as she did for Watertown Women's Connection. In 1989, she traveled to Southeast Asia with a group of Alliance Women visiting Irian Jaya, Thailand and Hong Kong.

Having initially considered a career in interior decorating, Ruth poured her love of it into her home, her garden, sewing, and making doll houses for her daughter and granddaughters. She took great pleasure in traveling around the countryside looking for antiques for her home.

Mrs. Chapin is survived by her husband Richard, and 4 children and their spouses, Donald, London, England; William and Ruth E. Chapin, Watertown; Robert and Debra Chapin, Burnsville, MN; and Ronald and Mary Westcott, New Holland, PA; 13 grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren, a sister, Dorothy Danks, Northville, NY and several nieces and nephews. Surviving grandchildren include Michelle Appleby, Laura Ellsworth, Janelle Gelston, Nathaniel Chapin, Jeffrey Chapin, Kelly Chapin, Mark Chapin, Lisa Glass, Jennifer Glanz, Elizabeth Holtry, Eric Westcott, Stephanie Stover, and Jeffrey Westcott. Great-grandchildren are Brianna and Braelyn Appleby, Laurena Chapin, Alex Kostoroski, Logan and Liam Ellsworth, Meredith and Madeline Gelston, Isadora and Ivan Benson, Patrick Westcott, Bailey and Barrett Holtry, Emma and Matthew Westcott, Carlotta Stover, and Katherine Westcott. She was predeceased by a sister, Doris Lee, formerly of Dexter.

Condolences may be sent to reedbenoit.com. Contributions may be made to Parkside Bible Church Memorial Fund or Chapin Living Waters Foundation, 364 N. Colorado Ave., Watertown, NY.

Visiting hours were held Friday, June 10, 2 to 4 PM and 7 to 9 PM at the Reed and Benoit Funeral Home.

The memorial service for Ruth R. Chapin, age 92, of Watertown, NY, who passed away on Sunday, June 5, 2011, was held Saturday June 11, at 10 AM at Parkside Bible Church, 491 Eastern Blvd., followed by a graveside service at North Watertown Cemetery.

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