

## **Ruth Mathews**

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Ruth Lyala Penrod Mathews was born in Oklahoma to a Theosophist mother and grew up in Iowa. She majored in music at the University of Iowa. During World War II, she became part of a civilian group of women pilots attached to the Air Force.

Ruth was also deeply interested in Theosophy. When she and her husband, Roy Mathews, bought a second home in Arkansas, they worked hard at Ozark Theosophical Camp with friends Gene and Betty Bunner. The study of Theosophy and lodge work became the center of Ruth's life. She was known for her helpfulness and generosity.

After retiring, Ruth and Roy moved to Ojai, California, and the Taormina Theosophical Community. Ruth was active in this group, eventually becoming president of the board, as well as at Krotona.

—Her Krotona friends