

## **CAHF REMEMBERS RUTH BRASWELL**

Life celebration to be Oct. 19 in Calimesa

Ruth Braswell, 78, of Yucaipa, an active CAHF member for more than 30 years, died Sept. 12, 2007, at home near her husband Al Braswell.

She was vice president of Vista Pacifica Enterprises in Riverside, which she owned and operated with her husband.

Born Ruth Carol Hildie on Jan. 22, 1929, in Lansing, Mich., Mrs. Braswell had served on the CAHF Convention Committee, CAHF PAC Board of Directors and Grassroots Committee and in many offices in the San Bernardino/Riverside Chapter. She was chair of the CAHF Mental Health Conference from 1982-84.

She was a regular co-chair of the San Bernardino/Riverside Chapter annual legislative breakfast, which each year draws hundreds of people, including dozens of elected officials.

"She had a huge heart," said Deborah Davis-White, a 10-year employee of Vista Pacifica Enterprises, adding that staff already has set up an impromptu memorial at a fountain outside the company's corporate offices where Mrs. Braswell often enjoyed spending time.

In 1989 she and Mary Baker shared the Thomas E. Spindle Memorial Award for Outstanding Service, and in 1992 she won the CAHF Distinguished Service Award.

In August 2006, Mrs. Braswell was appointed to the California Commission on Aging by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Along with her career in hospital and facility management, she taught courses at junior college, high school and college levels.

Mrs. Braswell earned a master's degree in educational guidance from the University of Southern California in 1951 and lacked only her dissertation to qualify for an educational doctorate in psychology from Utah State University.

She was a member of the Association of Mental Health Administrators, of Rotary Clubs in Rubidoux and Yucaipa and, with her husband was co-chair of Polio Plus Partners, District 5330.

In addition to her husband Al, Mrs. Braswell is survived by son Barry, daughter-in-law Kelly, daughters Pamela Kaye and Cheryl Lynn Jumonville and son-in-law William Jumonville and by granddaughter Ghislaine Jumonville.

Before her death, Mrs. Braswell helped plan a celebration of her life that now is scheduled from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., Friday, Oct. 19, at the Calimesa Country Club, 1300 Third St., Calimesa. For directions and other information about the country club, go online to [www.calimesacountryclub.com](http://www.calimesacountryclub.com) or phone (909) 795-2488.

Cards and other remembrances for the family can be sent to Vista Pacifica Enterprises, 3662 Pacific Ave., Riverside, CA 92509-1948.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in Mrs. Braswell's name to Rotary International. For information, go online to [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) and click on "Contribute."