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On Tuesday, June 3rd, Dr. Ruth Noller, a true giant in the field of creativity, passed away in Sarasota, Florida surrounded by friends and family.

Ruth was an educator who taught math, creativity, and creative studies for 40 years. She started out as a mathematician who earned her B.A. from the University of Buffalo with a Major in Math and Minor in Sciences. She continued her education, receiving an Ed. M. in 1944 and an Ed. D from the School of Education at the University of Buffalo in 1952.

Ruth served in the US Naval Reserves during World War II. She was stationed at Harvard University where the first modern-aged computer had been put into operation. Mentored by Grace Hopper, the first woman computer programmer, Ruth became the second female programmer in history.

Ruth was a founding faculty member of the Interdisciplinary Center for Creative Studies (now The International Center for Studies in Creativity) at Buffalo State College. She was known internationally for her research, publications, and presentations on Creative Problem Solving. More importantly, she was a mentor to many who would later become leaders in the field in their own right.

If you would like to share your memories of Ruth, a blog has been set up so that people can make comments in her honor at: <http://ruthnoller.blogspot.com>.

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#### USING ACA EXCHANGE

The American Creativity Association is committed to providing its membership with forums to present, test, and exchange ideas; opportunities for networking and fellowship; clearing house services for information on the state of the art in creativity research and practice; and means to link theorists and practitioners.

ACA Exchange distributes information ACA members want to share including:

- \* Messages from ACA's leadership;
- \* Suggestions and links to good reading and thought pieces;
- \* Employment opportunities;

- \* Program announcements;
- \* ACA members' news;
- \* Anything that serves the interests of ACA and its members.

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