



## RUTH M. BRECKENRIDGE

July 10, 1950 - September 20, 2021

MEMORIAL DONATIONS MAY BE MADE IN RUTH'S NAME TO:  
ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION  
225 N. MICHIGAN AVENUE., FLOOR 17  
CHICAGO, IL 60601

Ruth M. Breckenridge, 71 years of age, of Oak Ridge, New Jersey, passed away on September 20, 2021 at the United Methodist Community at Bristol Glen in Newton, New Jersey.

She was born on July 10, 1950 in Wayne, New Jersey, to the late James W. and Josephine (Schaefer) Breckenridge.

Ruth was a graduate of Wayne Valley High School in Wayne, NJ and majored in music at The College of New Jersey. She was an accomplished vocalist and participated in local choirs and vocal groups. Ruth was a founding member of two singing groups, Da Capo and Contra Lyrica.

Ruth attended Chubb Institute for Programming, graduating in 1986 and worked in the Information Technology industry until her retirement from IBM in 2008. Ruth was a lifelong trivia buff leading to a 1994 TV appearance on Jeopardy.

She was predeceased in death by her loving sister Janet Breckenridge in 2020.

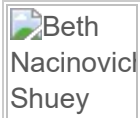
Ruth is survived by a dear brother John Breckenridge and his wife Judy, of Lancaster, PA, her nephew Scott Breckenridge of New York City, and her niece Dr. Wendy Nystrom of Downers Grove, IL.

A private family service will be held in the future.

Memorial donations may be made in Ruth's name to: Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Floor 17, Chicago, IL 60601.

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# Tribute Wall



“ Well, I just came across this obituary. So sad to hear this. My family was a longtime neighbor of Ruth’s sister, Janet. Ruth came to live with Janet in her later years, and occasionally I would see them when I would visit my parents in Oak Ridge. I find it heartbreaking that we lost both Ruth and Janet within a year’s time. My mom passed in early 2020, and we lost my dad in August of this year. When I would visit Oak Ridge, it still felt like home with the Breckenridge’s and my parents continuing to live on that street. But with both my parents gone now, that sweet era has officially ended for me. It’s hard to see such good, lovely, talented and caring people leave this earth. Ruth (and Janet) falls in that category, and will be missed.

*Beth Nacinovich Shuey*

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**Beth Nacinovich Shuey** - September 14, 2022 at 10:50 PM

A small square profile picture of Mardie Womeldorf, showing the letters 'MW' in a grey box.

“ I met Ruth when we moved to Packanack in 1959. We was a good friend. We were in Choir and Girl Scouts together. She had a great sense of humor. I miss her but am thankful for the memories of the times we shared.

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**Mardie Womeldorf** - July 11, 2022 at 09:28 PM

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“ Dear John,  
I just learned of Ruthie's passing and I am so sorry for your loss. We were best of friends all through elementary, middle and high school. We were fellow altos in school and All State Chorus and I have vivid memories of walking between our houses, singing and harmonizing. The Beatles were big then and when they made their American debut on Ed Sullivan's show she was at my house, screaming into a pillow, while my dad taped the performance on the Wollensack reel to reel so we could listen to it again and again, which we did! Then it was the British Invasion, and we were singing the Monkees, The Rolling Stones, and Ruthie knew every word. My deepest sympathy,  
Karen Fockler Rowe

karen rowe - July 10, 2022 at 08:40 PM



I JUST discovered that both Ruthie AND Janet have passed away within the last year? I'm very sad to hear it...Ruthie and I were VERY close when I lived at Packanack- I knew her since we were BABIES, and Janet used to babysit for my sister Barb and I when we lived on Magnolia. I remember so well the day their Dad died- I remember my Mom hugging me at the door when i came home from school and saying "When you say your prayers tonight, say one for for your friend Ruthie, because her Daddy died today." Age maybe 7 or 8? Funny how some things stick out in your memory from so long ago.

Kathy Huber - July 11, 2022 at 10:18 AM

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Karen, we just had a mini HS reunion for us western transplants. I learned of Ruth's passing. So many fabulous memories with Ruth. Going to Diners and that ice cream place near Pomplton Plains and the group would belt out songs. It was criminal how much laughing and fun we had with Ruth. Total joy to hang out with.

Bob Molcsan

Bob Molcsan - August 20, 2024 at 11:40 AM

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“ *I am saddened to hear of Ruth's passing. We shared a lot of fun times and will be fondly remembered.*

*Susan Thompson*

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**Susan Thompson** - October 19, 2021 at 03:41 PM