



Ruth H. Travers

December 20, 1935 - February 19, 2024

Ruth H. Travers, age 88, of New Castle, DE, passed away peacefully, surrounded by her loving family on Monday, February 19, 2024.

Born in Philadelphia, PA on December 20, 1935, she was a daughter of the late Roy H. and Helen (Taylor) Andersen. Ruth made her career as a secretary at Colonial School District for 26 years until her retirement. She always said "She started at the original William Penn and retired at the new William Penn."

Deep in her faith, Ruth was an active member of Asbury United Methodist Church, where she was the former lead chair of the Altar and Acolyte Guilds. Always one to help others, she was a former Girl Scout leader at the church as well as a member of the Pythian Sisters. In her spare time, Ruth enjoyed working in her flower and vegetable gardens or attending the Weston Senior Center.

In addition to her parents, Ruth was preceded in death by her husband of 64 years, Edward P. Travers, Jr.; sister, Charlotte Gebhart; son-in-law, J.R. Ritchie; and grandson, Brian Hahn. She is survived by her children, Pamela K. Grasso (John), Cynthia J. Hahn (Richard), Edwina R. Ritchie, and Phillip H. Travers, Sr. (Kim); grandchildren, J.J. Grasso (Julie), Christina Larson (Christopher), Alexina Mason (Chad), James Ritchie, Phillip H. Travers Jr., Matthew Johnson, Rachel Johnson, and Alexandrya Shank; great-grandchildren, Gracyn Grasso, Benjamin Larson, and Theodore Larson; sister-in-law, Catherine Travers; and honorary son-in-law, Charles N. Ritchie.

A visitation for family and friends will be held from 9:30 am until 11 am on Thursday, February 29, 2024, at Asbury United Methodist Church, 300 East Basin Road, New Castle, DE 19720, where a funeral service will begin at 11 am. Interment will follow in Gracelawn Memorial Park, 2220 North DuPont Highway, New Castle, DE.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Ruth's memory to Asbury United Methodist Church at the address listed above or online by clicking [here](#).

Tribute Wall

CB

“ I worked with Ruth at William Penn High School from when I started as a new teacher in 1997 until Ruth retired. She was always helpful and kind. I miss seeing her at Penn. I am so sorry for your loss. She is just an amazing person.

Christine Bowe - February 29, 2024 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ To the Travers family sorry for your loss. I remember always having good laughs with Mrs Travers at Wm Penn. She was. Sweet lady.

Kathy Nowland Lowe - February 29, 2024 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. I remember her well. I know my dad will miss there phone conversations. Prayers to all the family.

Dawn Loy - February 26, 2024 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ So very sorry to hear of Ruth's passing. Bud, Ruth and the kids were our best backyard neighbors in Penn Acres. We had many fun times with them and enjoyed seeing the kids grow. Celebrate a life well lived! Hope your happy memories will bring you all peace

George & Alice Frost - February 25, 2024 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ So enjoyed the many happy times that Bobby and I shared with Ruth and Bud. I will cherish those good times and memories. Prayers to Ruth's family at this difficult time. Aunt Catherine Travers

Catherine Travers - February 24, 2024 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ My first memories of Mrs. Travers and the whole Travers family was from church at Asbury Methodist Church. I knew to mind my Ps and Qs, well as best as I could. I always knew her to be the matriarch of a strong, dependable, kind, loving family. She’s always been a thread in my life’s tapestry. May you Rest in Peace Mrs. Travers. My thoughts and prayers remain with the Travers family.

Mary Henry - February 23, 2024 at 12:00 AM

KT

“ Oh Cindy I am so sorry to hear. I just loved her spirit and laughter as I was lucky enough to do Tastefully Simple parties for her and the Senior Center. She always made sure everyone ordered! She was a true gem! Hugs and prayers.

Kathy Thomas - February 23, 2024 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ Dear Travers Family,
So sorry to hear of Ruth’s passing. She was quite a woman, wife and mother. I’m sure that she will be missed by many people in the New Castle area. Please know that all of the extended Travers’ family is in my thoughts and prayers at this time.

Major Travers - February 23, 2024 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. I remember Ruth from church, scouts and school. She was always the kindest person.

Carol McKnitt-Heinold - February 22, 2024 at 12:00 AM

TN

“ So sorry for your loss thoughts and prayers to Ruth’s Family 🙏
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Tina & Kevin Norton - February 22, 2024 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ Ruth was a very kind and helpful person. I knew her at WP and also at Weston Senior Center. Sorry for your loss.

Sara Walker - February 22, 2024 at 12:00 AM