



Mrs. Ruth T. Pieper Wilson

July 26, 1928 - October 16, 2020

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1928-2020

Ruth Theresa (Pieper) Wilson, age 92, died peacefully at her home in Eldersburg, MD on Friday, October 16, 2020. Born on July 26, 1928 at The Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, MD, she was the eldest child of the late Francis August Pieper and Ruth Anna (Blessing) Pieper.

Ruthie was raised primarily in the Augsburg Lutheran Home of Maryland, a dual orphanage and senior care facility in Gwynn Oak. It was these formative years at the Home, in the midst of the Great Depression and World War II, that burgeoned her profound resilience, independence, compassion, and appreciation for routine that would drive her even into her final years.

After graduating among the top students in her class at Catonsville High School, Ruthie moved out of the Home and began working toward achieving her life's goal – to have and support a family of her own. Soon thereafter, at Carlin's Roller Rink, she met her beloved husband, the late Herbert Louis Wilson, Jr., who flouted the disc jockey's directive that it be ladies' choice and asked her to skate with him. They were married in 1949 at the Church of our Saviour in Baltimore and raised two beloved children, Bruce and Joy, together until Herb died from cancer in 1982 at the age of 52.

Over the years, Ruthie held several secretarial positions at the YMCA, Schuster Concrete, Mount Olive United Methodist Church, and South Carroll High School, and worked as registrar of the Baltimore College of Commerce. She also held a real estate license in the State of Maryland.

Affectionately referred to as "Nana" by her grandchildren, their friends, and the Eldersburg community at large, she was known for her unsolicited acts of kindness and for being an ebullient raconteur of her marvelous life. She spent much of her later years baking

cheesecakes, fruitcakes, pies, and Christmas cookies with her grandchildren, although her favorite dessert was fresh peach cake from Baltimore's Fenwick Bakery, which she enjoyed throughout her youth while hopping on and off street cars on The Alameda. Ruthie was also a skilled gardener, with lush rose bushes and flower gardens, and a decorated artist, having won a bevy of blue ribbons at the Maryland State Fair for her intricate counted cross-stitch works.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was predeceased by her brothers, Frederick Roland Pieper, Gary Pieper, and Kenneth Cochran; aunt and uncle, Helen and William "Buddy" Blessing; and grandson, James Connor Rousey. Surviving are her children, Bruce Wilson (Sandy Leppo) and Joy Gill (Thomas); siblings, Betty Adams, Carol Jane Greenberg, and John Cochran (Vi); and grandchildren, Patrick Rousey, Justin Rousey, Nicole Wilson, Daniel Gill, Kayleigh Friday (Christian), and Natalie Gill.

Due to COVID-19 precautions, private services and interment will be held at Haight Funeral Home & Chapel, Sykesville, and Highland View Cemetery, Berrett. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in memory of Ruth Pieper Wilson to the Benevolent Fund of the Village at Augsburg (formerly Augsburg Lutheran Home & Village), 6825 Campfield Road, Baltimore, MD 21207.

Cemetery

Highland View Cemetery

Berrett, MD,

Comments



“ Ruthe was a sister to me...she & Herb welcomed me into the family...she was a very caring & thoughtful lady...always giving to me & others! Ruthe was always so proud of Bruce, Joy & all her grandchildren...they were her pride & joy...always talking about them! I will miss her & will never forget how how grateful I am to have had her in my life..Love to you all, Dossie

Dossie Pieper - October 19 at 05:06 PM



“ My heartfelt condolences to all of you. So sorry for your loss. She left her mark on lots and lots of people. What a gift! Cherish the fond memories. Hugs to you all.

Mary Lampieri - October 19 at 03:47 PM



“ Bruce, Joy and family, Ruth was a caring and loving mother, grandmother and friend. You know how much we loved her. She will be missed, but she is at peace.
Love,
Barry and Diane

Diane M Zell - October 19 at 12:37 PM



“ Sister, Betty, Brother, John & Sister, Carol Jane purchased the Red & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Mrs. Ruth T. Pieper Wilson.



Sister, Betty, Brother, John & Sister, Carol Jane - October 19 at 12:15 PM



“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



John Cochran - October 19 at 11:52 AM



“ Ruthie with John & Vi

Vi Cochran - October 19 at 12:24 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



John Cochran - October 19 at 11:26 AM



“ Ruthie with Sister, Betty & Brother, John

John Cochran - October 19 at 11:54 AM



“ The years go by so fast, but memories will last forever. Thank you for being my sister! Your loving, Brother, John

John Cochran - October 19 at 11:59 AM



“ It was my privilege and honor to know you and be welcomed into your family!

Love, your Sister-in-Law, Vi

Vi Cochran - October 19 at 12:21 PM



“ First of all my sincere condolences to Bruce , Joy and the rest of the family!
I would like to share a memory of back in the day when Ms. Ruth would have an open house every year on New Year's day.
I recall the house being decorated to a tee and enough food and libations for all and the hospitality was genuine.
The whole family was there along with anyone who was a friend and a good time was had by all!
She was a wonderful giving lady who can now be in peace!

Bill Colfelt

William Colfelt - October 19 at 06:28 AM



“ Thanks for sharing this memory Bill. Those were great parties for sure and all were welcome and felt like family . Joy

Joy Gill - October 19 at 08:05 PM



“ My pleasure Joy, be strong and take care of your Brother! Love to all!!!!

William Colfelt - October 20 at 02:37 PM



“ Bruce and family, Liz and I are sorry to hear of the passing of your mother. Healing at a time like this is very difficult. With your family and many friends, we are hoping we can all help in any way possible with your grieving. We are sure that you have many fond memories of your mom that will remind you of who she was. Our condolences to a good friend and his family. Liz and Dave Colfelt

Dave Colfelt - October 18 at 03:25 PM



“ Healing Tears - Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Mrs. Ruth T. Pieper Wilson.



October 18 at 02:50 PM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Ruth T. Pieper Wilson.



October 18 at 10:54 AM