



Ruth Rose Solwitz

January 19, 1923 - April 29, 2023

Ruth Rose Berez Solwitz died Saturday, April 29, 2023, at her apartment in Beachwood, OH, at age 100. Ruth was blessed to have the loving care of Leah Love for the final four years of her life - with the assistance of Carrie Taylor and Elanda.

Throughout her long life, Ruth was fortunate to possess a loving and generous heart, and what seemed to be boundless energy. Born in Pittsburgh, she had started at Pitt the summer she met Myron Solwitz. He was good-looking, sensitive, and he seemed responsible. He had a sense of humor and a degree in Optometry. World War II was raging in Europe and Pearl Harbor had not yet been attacked. They remained married until his death in 2019 at 101 years of age. She died on what would have been his 105th birthday.

In a different era, Ruth Berez might have graduated from college, started a business, and maybe even run for Congress. In 1941 she married a soon-to-be-soldier, who would set up an optometry practice in Cleveland after the war. She had two daughters and a son. She sewed, baked, and cooked with a mind towards experimentation. She hosted gatherings - large and small - for her friends and extended family. She didn't order in or call a caterer. She cooked...and she loved to cook.

Ruth also painted (by number), sang (in the car), tap danced in a talent show

in her eighth decade. Incidentally, she had taken dance classes from Gene Kelly back in Pittsburgh. She loved games of all kinds and was good at them. This included golf, tennis, canasta, and mahjong. This disarming, sweet-natured player would often find a way to come from behind and win. She was a Life Master of Duplicate Bridge which she played with delicious ferocity.

Ruth's primary concern, however, was for her family, their three children, and then her grandchildren - all of whom she loved, enjoyed, and never judged. Her grandchildren would visit after school - not just for the food - but for fun and solace. Her door and heart were open to all.

She is survived by her children Sharon Solwitz (Barry Silesky) of Chicago, Marcia Katz (Burt) of North Carolina, and Richard Solwitz (Kim Brustoski) of Gates Mills. She was grandmother to Andy Katz (Emily Shapiro) of Israel, Jamie Bartell (Ryan) of Las Vegas, and Benjamin Solwitz (Cola) of Brooklyn. Seth Silesky (Melissa) of Austin, Iris Brustoski, and Jesse Silesky (deceased). She was great grandmother to Maya, Avital, Eitan, and Yehosua Katz, Kaitlyn and Justin Bartell, and Tamsen Solwitz.

Graveside services will be held at Bet Olam Cemetery (Corner of Chagrin and Richmond) on Monday May 1st. Burial services will be begin at 2:30 PM.

She will be greatly missed.

Cemetery Details

Bet Olam

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Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAY 1. 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM (ET)

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