



## Ruth Ann Gearhart

November 18, 1942 - June 1, 2022

Ruth Ann Gearhart, age 79, passed away peacefully June 1, 2022. She was born in Bel Air, MD to the late Dorothy E. Owens and Burlin E. Owens Sr. Ruth was very passionate about her family and friends. She raised her sons to be great men and fathers, and also raised multiple foster children and ran a successful daycare. The impact Ruth made on these children was immeasurable. She is fondly remembered as a “tough woman who always guided them by love”. Ruth spent years after the daycare working at Elsmere Liquors. She enjoyed going to the casino and playing the numbers, and was proud of her lifelong winning streak.

Ruth enjoyed reminiscing about the good times her family had going to the beach, riding the tram, and fishing in Ocean City, MD. She will be loved, remembered, and missed by everyone who shared this life with her. Ruth was an amazing daughter, wife, mother, grandmother, aunt, and friend. May she forever rest in peace.

Ruth is survived by her sister, Evelyn Driscoll; brother, William Douglas Owens; daughters-in-law, Diane Gearhart and Lesley Gearhart; granddaughter, Alex Gearhart (Allen); and a long line of grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, and nephews. In addition to her parents, Ruth was preceded in death by her husband of 64 years, Richard Gearhart Sr.; and her sons: Richard Gearhart Jr. and Allen Michael Gearhart. Ruth is finally home and reunited with her loved ones.

Services and burial for Ruth will be private. To send an online condolence

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Family Funeral Home

302-731-5459

# Cemetery Details

**Private**

# Tribute Wall

DS

“ Ruth was a special lady and my best friend. We share so many happy times together. Alan Jackson concert, trips to AC, coffee time(where we shared some of our deepest thoughts and knew it would go no further). One recent memory was our trip to Walmart. Ruth was riding one of their scooters and she was running into all the racks and moving them. A rack of nightshirts got hooked to the scooter and she kept going. I thought I put the racks back but when we left that area it was a mess. We couldn't stop laughing. I will miss her so much but will always remember the times I shared with her. I know she is at peace now with the the love of her life Richard, Richard Jr and Alan. RIP my friend. I love you so much. ❤️❤️❤️

Dorothy Smith - June 11, 2022 at 09:14 AM

LM

“ Ruth was always happy to see me, and had an unforgettable smile. She was Big Al's mama but we were all family. I'm so glad she's with her men, relaxed and well, laughing it up. Blessings...

Leslie Tyler Myers - June 04, 2022 at 06:33 PM

BJ

“ Betty Jannuzzio lit a candle in memory of Ruth Ann Gearhart



Betty jannuzzio - June 04, 2022 at 11:20 AM

DJ

“ I'm so sad she's not her with us, but we all know that she's with Uncle Richard, Richard Jr. and Allen, now in heaven, well, no more pain and happy again in the arms of her loved ones. I will remember her as my favorite Aunt who made me smile, laugh and just happy to be with her. She will truly be missed, but always remembered and never forgotten. My sweet Aunt Ruth, may you rest in peace. My thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends at this difficult time. With Deep Sympathy, Your Niece Dolores



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**Dolores Johnson** - June 03, 2022 at 10:03 PM

BJ

“A special woman in my life, Ruth, died last night. Ruth was my across the street neighbor growing up. She and her late husband, Richard, provided a second home for me and my siblings. Ruth was a tough woman, but always guided by love. She was simple and humble, and didn't live a complicated life. What I will remember of her is her strong hugs she gave when one of my parents were hospitalized, when my dad died, or other tough moments. She provided protection, warmth, and a safe place to go. She always accepted me for who I was even when others would ridicule me. I will always remember her voice as she would say to me, “I love you, hunny.” She never ever expected anything in return for her kindness.

*I will most remember Ruth for her strength. She lived a tough life. She battled multiple rounds of cancer, but my mom tells me even until the end she kept a positive mindset.*

*I spent part of my morning walking the Jack Markell Trail at the Riverfront, reflecting on Ruth's life and her impact on mine. As I looked down the boardwalk in my picture, it became a metaphor for life. The boardwalk was long and daunting at first. With the sun beating down, it was hot. I got toward the middle and turned around to look at where I had been, and turned forward at all I had left. And while a flat walking trail is one of the easiest parts of life, I thought about what's left of my life with the hope that I, too, am guided with strength and love just like my beloved Ruth.*

*“You gave us some place to go. I never said thank you for that. I thought I might get one more chance. What would you think of me now? So lucky, so strong, so proud. I never said thank you for that. Now I'll never have a chance. May angels lead you in. Hear you me, my friends. On sleepless roads, the sleepless go. May angels lead you in.” - Hear You Me, Jimmy Eat World*

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Betty jannuzzio - June 03, 2022 at 06:50 PM

BJ

*The above post was written by Aunt Ruth's neighbor Danny.*

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**Betty jannuzzio** - June 04, 2022 at 11:11 AM

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*It has been 9 months and I miss you every day. I know you are where you need to be, and you are out of pain. You were tired and wanted to be with Rich and the boys. My head knows and understands, but my heart is broke and wishes you were still with me. You are and will always be my Sissy. Love you so much.*

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**Evelyn Driscoll** - February 28, 2023 at 11:09 PM