



Ruth Lehman

April 16, 1934 - August 8, 2024

Albany – Ruth Lehman, age 90, passed away peacefully on Thursday, August 8th, 2024, at Suncoast Hospice in Pinellas Park, Florida, surrounded by her loving family.

Born April 16th 1934, Ruth was the cherished daughter of Francis X. Kulzer and Hazel (McQuade) Kulzer and adored baby sister of Ralph, Donald and Francis Kulzer, all of whom preceded her in death. Ruth lived most of her life within a few blocks of where she was born on Rosemont Street in Albany. She attended Our Lady of Angels elementary school and graduated from Vincentian Institute with high honors. Ruth worked as an executive secretary for the Department of the Navy until her marriage to her childhood sweetheart, William Lehman, in 1960. While her children Heather Lehman (Amster) and William (BJ) Lehman were young she worked tirelessly to ensure their every need was met, endlessly driving carpools to scouts and swimming lessons, religiously attending little league games and arranging each year for Santa to leave a large stack of gifts under the Christmas tree. Ruth was also a highly respected antique dealer who ran a successful business for over forty years. Never resting for a minute, she had a career later in life with the Governors Office of Regulatory Reform before finally retiring in the late 1990s. Ruth was an active member in her Catholic parishes of Holy Cross and All Saints where she volunteered and made lifelong friends. She doted on her grandchildren and enjoyed being matriarch to her extended family, providing love and

support to her many nieces and nephews. In 2015 Ruth moved to Florida with Bill, her beloved husband of 57 years, to support his health. She remained his sole and loving caregiver until his death in 2018. Ruth was a tireless and dedicated daughter, sister, wife, mother, aunt and friend and she will be missed.

Ruth's legacy lives on through her children, Heather Amster (Robert) of Stony Brook, NY, and William Lehman (Joyce) of Seminole, FL; her grandchildren, Brendan and Elizabeth Lehman, and Henry, John, and Grace Amster; as well as many beloved nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her brothers, Francis, Donald, and Ralph Kulzer.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Ruth's family Friday, August 16th, 2024, from 4:00 to 7:00 pm at McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany, NY 12206. Please enter the funeral home from the rear parking lot entrance only.

Funeral services will be Saturday, August 17th, 2024, beginning at 9:45 am at McVeigh Funeral Home, and at 10:30 am at All Saints Catholic Church, Albany, NY where her Funeral Mass will be celebrated.

The Rite of Committal will be held at Our Lady of Angels Cemetery Immediately following the Funeral Mass.

For those wishing to leave a message for the family, light a candle, or obtain directions, please visit www.McveighFuneralHome.com.

Cemetery Details

Our Lady of Angels Cemetery

1389 Central Ave
Albany, NY

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 16. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.
208 N Allen St
Albany, NY 12206
(518) 489-0188
info@mcveighfuneralhome.com
<http://www.McveighFuneralHome.com>

Service

AUG 17. 10:30 AM (ET)

All Saints Catholic Church
16 Homestead St.
Albany, NY 12203

Tribute Wall

BS

“ I just learned of Ruth's passing. I met Ruth while attending grief counseling after we lost our husbands. We became very close as we regularly went to lunch with a group of others who lost their spouses. She often spoke kindly of her children and grandchildren and shared stories of her life with her husband, Bill. I'll miss you, Ruth. Rest in Peace dear friend.

Bonnie Steinberg - December 02, 2024 at 01:30 PM

NC

“ Dear Heather and BJ, I lived on Terrace Ave when I was younger and spent many an afternoon visiting with your parents. I have wonderful memories of my time with them. More than once I locked them out of their house!

Your mother so enjoyed her antique business. Your parents gave us beautiful antique Shaker vases for our my wedding 40 years ago that are out regularly on my dining table.

Her annual Christmas cards were a highlight of the holiday-hearing about the accomplishments of her children and grandchildren over the year-and something I will miss.

I am sorry to miss the services but do know I will be keeping you all in my prayers.

With deepest sympathy,

Nancy Kilgallon Chisholm

Nancy Kilgallon Chisholm - August 16, 2024 at 02:26 PM

CS

“ *The Lehman Family,
Ruth was a remarkable lady. I am so sorry for your loss. Ruth and I worked together at NYS Div of Parole many years ago. Ruth was top notch in her work, and was always so cheerful. This world has lost an effervescent and sincere person.*



Carol Smith

Carol Smith - August 16, 2024 at 11:59 AM

BB

“ *Barry, Suzy, Madison and Mac Bates planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ruth Lehman.*

Barry, Suzy, Madison and Mac Bates - August 12, 2024 at 06:38 PM



“ *Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Ruth Lehman.*



August 12, 2024 at 06:38 PM