



## Ruth C. Lyons

October 30, 1931 - March 17, 2019

Scotia- Ruth C. Lyons, 87, passed away peacefully on Sunday, March 17, 2019 with her children by her side. She was born in Albany on October 30, 1931.

She was the loving wife of 65 years to the late Robert M. Lyons; Ruth was predeceased by her parents Stephen and Cecilia Swantek, and her goddaughter/granddaughter Shauna Nicole Morley. Ruth is survived by her children Karen Olmstead (late Pat), Diane Lyons, Tom Lyons (Pam), Ellen Morley (Randy), Paul Lyons (Alison) and Susan Lyons (Ed Gadomski). Ruth was an ever-devoted wife and mother. She adored her 15 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren and always made time for them. Everyone was her favorite.

Ruth loved her twin brother Richard Swantek (Josephine) and her sister June Marx (Frank). Sisters and brothers-in-law: Patricia Lyons (late Raymond), Arlene Lyons (late Michael), Edward Lyons (Kathie), Theresa Herrick (Jack) and the late Helen and Jimmy Noonan. Also, many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Ruth was a pioneer career woman while raising her family; 1970 as a telephone operator at New York Telephone in Oneonta, NY. Ruth retired in 1990 from AT&T in Albany.

Ruth and Bob retired and built a very active life at Deer Creek, FL; golfing, playing cards, building friendships with open doors to all. Her zest for life was infectious and she danced like there was no tomorrow. Ruth made lasting friendships with whoever she met.

Ruth fought a courageous battle with breast cancer, never giving up hope. Her family is especially grateful for her care received from the Atria, Hospice, the staff at The Joan Nicole Prince home, and all the volunteers who tended to Ruth and her family's every need during this difficult time.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in memory of Ruth to the Joan Nicole Prince Home, 22 Glenview Drive, Scotia, NY 12302.

Relatives and friend are invited to visit with Ruth's family Friday, March 22, 2019 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany, NY 12206.

Funeral Services Saturday March 23, 2019 9:00 am at McVeigh Funeral Home, Albany thence to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Albany at 10:00 where her Funeral Mass will be celebrated.

To leave a message for Ruth's family, light a candle, obtain directions, or view other helpful services, please visit [www.mcveighfuneralhome.com](http://www.mcveighfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR **22**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Ruth C. Lyons*



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**McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.** - March 22, 2019 at 09:46 AM

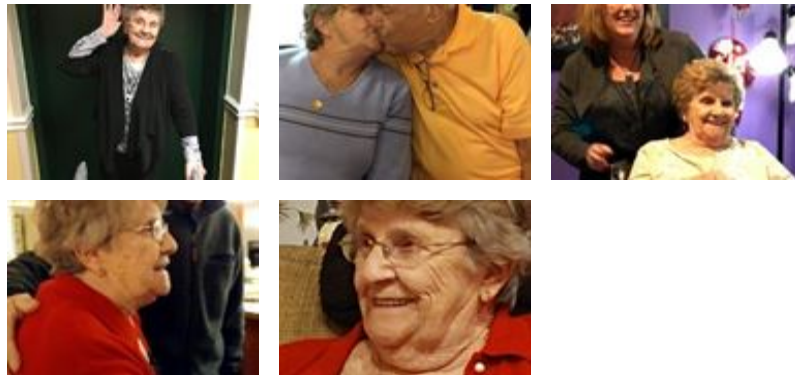


“ *Ruth C. Lyons*

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October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *57 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.** - March 22, 2019 at 08:44 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ruth C. Lyons.*



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March 21, 2019 at 11:23 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Ruth C. Lyons.*



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March 21, 2019 at 05:42 PM



“ *“Aunt Ruth” was always the sweetest, happiest person! I have so many memories of her from childhood on. When I saw her last year, she remembered our birthdays still. My condolences to all my cousins and the rest of her family. I know everyone has fond memories and she will be missed by all the many she touched!*

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**Carolyn Pasternak** - March 20, 2019 at 11:28 PM



*Ruth and Bob were friends.in new york and florida.we had so many great time with them in Florida and in new york.they will always be in my heart.what a beautiful family.*

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**Dwight and Nancy packard** - March 21, 2019 at 10:52 PM

MT

“ We shared many rounds of golf, many dinners and a lot of laughter. Ruth was always game for anything. How many upper aged women paint their own kitchen cabinets? She was amazing, inspiring and always FUN. We miss her and are deeply saddened. We are thinking of her wonderful family and send our condolences.  
Mike and Tina

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**Mike and Tina** - March 20, 2019 at 05:33 PM

TG

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



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**Tina Gifford** - March 20, 2019 at 05:29 PM

SR

“ Karen, Diane, Tom, Ellen, Paul and Susan,

*I am so sorry your mom will no longer be with us. Aunt Ruth always made you feel special when you saw her! I can still see her singing Happy Birthday in Polish with Aunt Ceil and dancing the polka with my dad. I will miss her but always remember her smile and the love she had for all her family.*

*Love, Susan*

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**Susan Rowland** - March 20, 2019 at 01:15 PM

ET

“ *Loved coming down to Florida visiting and having the New Years Eve party!*

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**Emma Touchette** - March 20, 2019 at 12:33 PM

MR

“ *Remembering all the good times we shared in Mockingbird Ridge at Deer Creek. RIP*

*Condolences to the family from Marilyn Rueckl*

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**marilyn t rueckl** - March 20, 2019 at 12:09 PM

DO

*Condolence to all the Lyons family diane osgood*

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**Diane osgood** - March 20, 2019 at 07:50 PM

JS

*Hey there Karen, Diane, Tommy, Ellen, Paul & Susan...*

*Thinking of you guys with a smile on my face while thinking about your Mom. I remember, like it was yesterday, the way she danced at my wedding 29 years ago!! She always carried and shared such a joyful spirit that will always be alive....*

*Sending peace and love your way,  
John*

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**John Swantek** - March 21, 2019 at 11:25 AM

KP

*Throughout my whole life your Mom was an important part. She was always kind to everyone and ready to have fun and also listen. I treasure our times riding my double on my bike going to the pool in Utica three miles away and out walks to the zoo. We were so happy when your family moved to Oneonta and our families could know one another enter. Your parents were very special and did an outstanding job of raising all of you. They were rightfully very proud of you. We are so sorry for your loss but you have priceless memories of your lives as a family. Love to all.*

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**kay pasternak** - March 21, 2019 at 05:36 PM

TL

“ Love you mom, your now able to see dad, Love Tom & Pam

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**tom lyons** - March 20, 2019 at 08:18 AM