



Ruth D. Valva

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Ruth D. Valva, age 86 of Lewes, DE passed away peacefully on Wednesday June 8th, 2016 at the Beebe Medical Center surrounded by her family.

Mrs. Valva was born on December 14th 1929 in Scranton, PA. She is the daughter of the late Nella Zemaitis and the late Joseph P. Zemaitis.

Mrs. Valva was the loving wife of Vincent T. Valva of Lewes, Delaware for 63 years, with whom she raised four children; Lisa Phillips, Thomas Valva, Maria Jackson, and Robert Valva. She is the grandmother of seven grandchildren; Christa and Stephan Gasiewicz, Jacob, Cole and Ethan Valva, and Monica and Thomas Valva Jr.

Mrs. Valva attended the Eagle's Nest fellowship in Milton, DE.

Mrs. Valva worked as an executive assistant for the American Express company in New York City, a private executive consultant in Hillsdale, NJ and Lehn & Fink, Inc. in Montvale NJ.

Mrs. Valva enjoyed many forms of music, including rock, flamenco, and classical, and she was especially fond of opera, particularly those featuring the tenor Placido Domingo.

Mrs. Valva was passionate about her family, music, and her faith, and she was a talented and prolific artist. She was self-trained, working in oil, acrylic, and watercolors. Her paintings are eclectic, nature-based abstracts with an oriental influence. She attained professional status later in life selling many works in the shops of Lewes, DE. Mrs. Valva frequently participated in the Children's Beach House charity art shows, and her works were featured at the BATTERY Restaurant in Lewes, DE. Mrs. Valva also participated in numerous art exhibitions in Lewes and the surrounding area. She was a member of the Cape Artists League, and shared her gift often by teaching painting classes at the Osher Lifelong Learning Center.

A public viewing will be held from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM, with a memorial service beginning at 3:00 PM Thursday, June 16, 2016 at Parsell Funeral Homes and Crematorium, Atkins-Lodge Chapel, 16961 Kings Highway, Lewes, DE.



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A private interment will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests donations to the Blood Bank of Delaware, <http://www.bloodbankofde.com> or the Beebe Tunnel Cancer Center, <https://www.beebehealthcare.org/tunnell-cancer-center>.

Please sign Mrs. Valva's online guestbook located on this site.

FLORIST NOTE: PLEASE HAVE ALL FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS DELIVERED BY 10 AM, THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 2016 TO PARSELL FUNERAL HOMES, LEWES, DE.




Events

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Viewing

 **Thursday**, June 16, 2016


 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM ET


 **Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium-Atkins-Lodge Chapel**

16961 Kings Highway, Lewes DE 19958



Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

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Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium shared a **Tribute Video**.



June 20 at 12:15 PM



Charles Yanni lit a candle in honor of Ruth.

I was her nephew and godson through the Catholic Church. We weren't close but she was a good aunt all my life. Uncle Vinny and she always sent a little card and a little something in the card every birthday and holiday, for which she and Uncle Vinny deserve many thank you's. Uncle Vinny and she sent me my first The Hobbit. Thank you both very much for having been so kind and thoughtful.



August 2 at 11:08 AM



Susan posted:

Maria, We are so sorry for your loss. Your RI family have been thinking of you all week. Our thoughts and prayers have been with you and your family. Sue & Tim

June 17 at 12:40 AM



Cyndi Andrews posted:

I would consider Ruth a friend of mine. I admired her artistic talent, and have one of her lovely, floral paintings hanging proudly in my home. Ruth and I had a special connection and we had many beautiful talks together. I would stop by and visit Ruth when she volunteered at the local Lewes art gallery where her work was on display with other local artists. She and I both liked the art work of Gustav Klimt from Vienna. I went to NYC recently to the Neue Gallery where the original Klimt "Woman In Gold" painting hung. I thought of Ruth and brought her back some info. on the gallery and the painting we both so enjoyed. Sadly she passed away before I had the chance to share this with her. I will miss her soft, kind voice and her positive attitude. Vince, my heart goes out to you and your family in the loss of your beloved Ruth. You all are in my prayers. May God bless you, Cyndi Andrews, Milford, DE

June 15 at 3:57 PM



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On Behalf Of The Ferguson Group Llc sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Valva family.



June 15 at 4:43 AM



Marvella posted:

Mrs Valva's beautiful smile and kind words will truly be missed. My condolences to the Valva family and friends.

June 14 at 7:48 AM



Anna Moshier posted:

Ruth was such a wonderful and patient person. She taught painting here at Osher Lifelong Learning and we still have a few of her paintings hanging on our walls. She was a real gem who will truly be missed. Send prayers for comfort to the family.

June 14 at 6:05 AM



Anonymous sent a Fruits and Blooms Basket to the Valva family.



June 12 at 12:57 PM



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June 20 at 12:15 PM

TRIBUTE VIDEO

A JOURNEY
of
REMEMBRANCE

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The video thumbnail features a bright blue sky with white, fluffy clouds. The title 'A JOURNEY of REMEMBRANCE' is centered in a red serif font, with 'of' in a smaller, cursive script. A white play button icon is overlaid on the text. In the bottom right corner, there is a QR code and a black button with the text 'SCAN TO WATCH' in white.



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Ruth by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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