



Minola Ruthanne Babb

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Minola “Ruthanne” Babb of Lewes, DE, age 82, passed away Sunday, November 3, 2024. She was born in Wyoming, OH on August 7, 1942, to the late Thomas and Minola (Mowery) Murphy.

Ruthanne was a beloved mother, grandmother, aunt, and friend to all who had the pleasure of knowing her. Her warmth was felt instantly whether you were a lifelong friend, or a new acquaintance met only moments before. Ruthanne brought light to every gathering, sharing a selfless love that seemed boundless. A woman of incredible courage, Ruthanne faced life’s challenges with a resilient spirit and always found a way to lift others even in difficult times. She lived for the joy of giving, and to know her was to experience a true friend who put others before herself without a second thought.

A lover of all things American West, Ruthanne spent 17 cherished years in the shadow of Albuquerque’s mesas. She soaked in the sunshine of those high desert days and found comfort in the cool nights. This landscape, much like her love, was a quiet beauty that seemed to stretch on forever.

Ruthanne’s greatest love was her family, and she made each member feel uniquely cherished. Her hugs, her wisdom, and her laughter were gifts she gave freely and with deep affection. Ruthanne was always there to listen and support, offering kindness without asking anything in return. Time spent with her was a reminder of the true meaning of love and family.

Her hands were rarely idle—she adored arts and crafts and had a special talent for bringing beauty into the world in small, thoughtful ways. Ruthanne was also a devoted letter writer, never letting distance or time keep her from reaching out with a heartfelt note “just because.” Her handwritten letters – often accompanied by a magazine article – are a treasure, a lasting reminder of her thoughtfulness and care.



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Those left behind to cherish Ruthanne's memory include her two daughters Roberta Fedorka (Laurence) and Pamela Kelly (Brian), her son John E. Babb III (Laura); her four grandchildren: Anthony Ciccaglione, Brian Kelly, Alicia Ciccaglione and Matthew Kelly, her sister Ivy Turley (Stephen McGrath), numerous nieces, nephews and cousins, and her loving, protective, companion Chihuahua, Taco.

In addition to her parents, Ruthanne was predeceased by devoted, loving husband, John "Jack" E. Babb, Jr. her loving, caring son, Craig Babb and by her brother David Murphy.

Ruthanne leaves behind a legacy of love, generosity, and courage that will live on in the hearts of everyone who knew her. She taught us the importance of kindness, resilience, and giving without expectation. Though Ruthanne is no longer with us, her spirit lives on in the many lives she touched. She will be deeply missed and remembered always with love and gratitude.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 AM on Friday, November 15, 2024, at Parsell Funeral Homes, Atkins-Lodge Chapel, 16961 Kings Hwy, Lewes, DE 19958. Family and friends may begin visiting at 10:00 AM. Burial will be held privately.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 12 noon on Saturday, November 16, 2024, at the Norristown Maenner-Chor Club, 920 Haws Avenue, Norristown, PA19401.

All those unable to attend the services are invited to join the service via livestreaming by visiting the following link:

<http://www.parsellfuneralhomes.com/obituaries/permalink/11562306/LTWebcast>

In lieu of flowers, the family recommends donations to Shriners Hospital for Children, 3551 N. Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19140 or online at <https://donate.lovetotherescue.org/give/145680> or to the First State Animal Center and SPCA at DONATE TO THE ANIMALS — First State Animal Center and SPCA.

Kindly visit the Tribute wall available on this website to add your message.

FLORIST NOTE: PLEASE HAVE ALL FLOWERS DELIVERED ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2024, BY 3:00 PM TO OUR LEWES LOCATION.



Events

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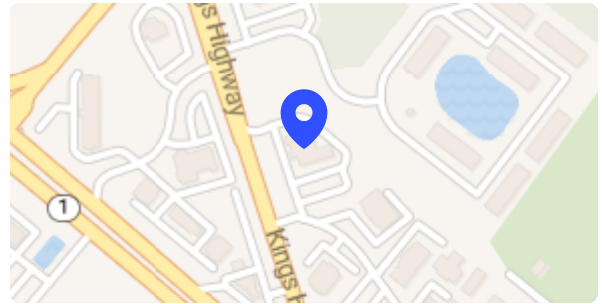
Visitation of Family and Friends

 **Friday**, November 15, 2024

 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET

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

16961 Kings Highway, Lewes DE 19958



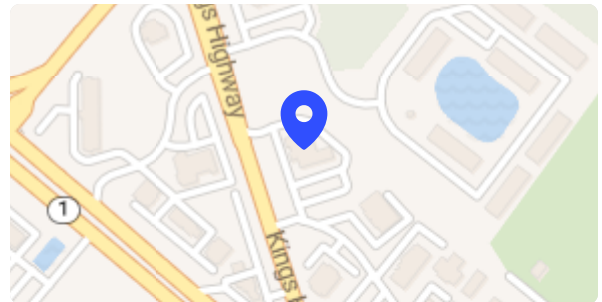
Memorial Service

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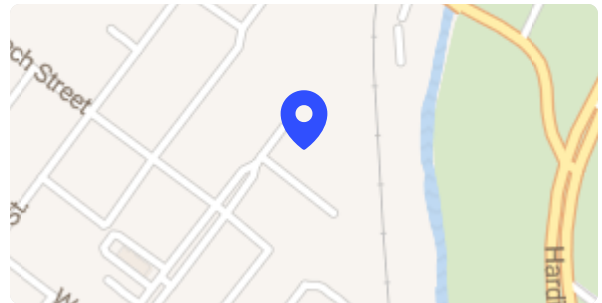
Celebration of life

 **Saturday**, November 16, 2024

 12:00 PM ET

 **Norristown Maenner-Chor Club**

920 Haws Avenue, Norristown PA 19401





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



November 7 at 3:14 PM



Rebecca Lueras posted:

Saddened me greatly to find out about my fellow worker. We worked together in the garden center for four years, in New Mexico. She was respected by us all. She treated us all with the kindness of a mother. Forever in my heart, Ruthanne.

November 22 at 8:20 PM



Marie C. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Minola.



November 17 at 1:09 PM



Ann Danese posted:

The memorial ceremony was beautiful and moving. The songs were heartfelt and reminded me of Ruthanne's warmth. I will miss her. Ann Danese

November 17 at 6:40 AM



Chris & Dave John planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Minola.



November 13 at 9:16 AM



Chris & Dave John sent a Fiery Lily and Rose to the Babb family.



November 13 at 9:16 AM



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SM

Suzanne Martin posted:

She would light up our office everytime she'd come in the door, we will miss her dearly. Suzy & Carol (Sussex West)

November 8 at 11:35 AM

MT

Michele Trott posted:

Sending my thoughts and prayers to Pam , Roberta, John and her sister Ivy and their families at this difficult time.Michele and Robert Trott

November 7 at 11:40 AM

BH

Bob Hart posted:

We are very sorry for the passing of Minola Babb. On behalf of Pam Kelly, the King of Prussia Mall management office made a donation to the Shriners Hospital for Children in Philadelphia. Our thoughts are with you during this difficult time.

November 7 at 11:35 AM



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Sara Ames Candelaria November 22 at 8:56 PM

So sorry to hear about your mom. I worked with her and Craig at Walmart. Sending prayers to the family. Laurence and Sara Candelaria.



Memories only last if you share them

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



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