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**L**orraine Elizabeth Ruth, passed away peacefully on Friday, February 13, 2026, at her residence in Milton, Delaware. She was 72.

Born on June 26, 1953, in Boston, Massachusetts, Lorraine was the daughter of the late Richard J. Menkello and Helen E. (Hefforn) Menkello. She was a graduate of Somerville High School, Class of 1971. Following graduation, she began her career with New England Merchants National Bank, where she worked for several years before moving on to Merritt Oil Company. It was there that she met the love of her life, Timothy Lee Ruth.

Lorraine and Timothy were married in 1979 and shortly thereafter made Delaware their home, where they raised their three daughters. Lorraine devoted many years as a stay-at-home mother, providing a loving and steady foundation for her family. She later began a remarkable 30-year career at Beebe Healthcare. Starting in housekeeping, Lorraine's determination and strong work ethic led her to advance into the role of Monitor Technician. To achieve this, she attended Sussex Technical High School and Delaware Technical Community College, earning certifications in EKG and phlebotomy. Known for her hardworking nature and occasional stubborn streak, traits that served her well in healthcare, Lorraine took great pride in her work and accomplishments.

In her free time, Lorraine enjoyed trips to the casino, where the lights, sounds, and thrill of the slot machines brought her joy. She also loved relaxing at home watching her favorite television shows. Above all else, her greatest joy was her grandchildren. She adored spending time with them and never missed a chance to spoil them. They meant everything to her. Pop-Tarts for her daughters' breakfasts might have been ok, but not for her grandchildren. A trip to grandma's house meant coming home with a full belly and a full heart.

Lorraine was caring, loving, empathetic, and truly beautiful both inside and out. She had a big heart and a deep love for animals, sharing her life with many pets over the years, though, never a hamster. She will be remembered for her kindness, strength, devotion to her family, and the love she gave so freely.



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She is survived by her loving husband of 48 years, Timothy Lee Ruth; her three beautiful daughters: Victoria Elizabeth Woolman (Walter, IV), Amanda Kathryn Marr (Beau), and Meredith Ashley LeCates (Rocky, Jr.); and her nine prized grandchildren: Makiya, Caroline, Walter, V, Ethan, Gabriella, Xaivar, Jasmine, Payton, and Emerson.

Services will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, consider making a donation in Lorraine's name to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital at <https://www.stjude.org>

Please sign the tribute wall located on this website.



## Tribute Wall

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E

**Eileen Green** posted:

As a nurse I worked with Lorraine for many years at Beebe. I adored her. We spoke countless times a day. She was always so pleasant and in control of the chaos surrounding her in that monitor room! I am so sorry to read of her passing. She was an angel on earth; now she is an angel in heaven. My condolences.

February 20 at 5:21 PM

R

**Ruthellen Ruth** posted:

Some of the best times were years of family trips to Pennsylvania mountains, playing games, staying up late laughing and talking. We enjoyed comparing good books. Lorraine was always happy when I saw her and so easy to love. Sister-in-law Ruth

February 19 at 9:36 PM

A

**Amy Fuller** lit a candle in honor of Lorraine.

I loved working with Lorraine. We always had great conversations whether it was about music, food, or funny stories. She was an amazing woman ❤️

February 19 at 9:27 PM



B

**Bonnie** posted:

I worked with Lorraine for 12 years. May she rest in peace. She was a very loving person. RIP

February 19 at 2:58 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

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



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