



Ruth Livingston Reindl

February 6, 1926 - July 5, 2023

Ruth L. Reindl (née Ruth Elizabeth Livingston) went to Heaven on July 5, 2023 in Bloomington, Minnesota at the age of 97. She was preceded in death by her parents Roy J. and Ruth W. Livingston, her husband of 53 years, Henry N. Reindl, and her siblings, Roy Robert, Chester, and Caryl. She is survived by her children Henry R Reindl (Marsha), Barb Reindl Pjevach (Dan), Laura Mathews (Dick), Dorothy Simboli and grandchildren Andrew (Janelle), Allison, Adam, Steven (Annie), Katherine, AJ, Trevor, and Daisy. She is also survived by her sister-in-law Carol Livingston, cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

She was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on February 6, 1926 as the second child of 4 and grew up in Shorewood, Wisconsin. We loved hearing her stories from her younger years. She was a hard-working child and young adult working various jobs and running the family household while both her parents worked. She kept the furnace stoked with coal, always had laughter at the family dinner table and rejoiced in the ending of World War II with a streetcar ride to join in festivities in downtown Milwaukee. She attended Shorewood High School for 2 years then attended and graduated from Riverside High School in Milwaukee. Proud of being a good student, Ruth went on to attend Milwaukee Teacher's College, the predecessor to the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. After college, she worked for an orthopedic surgeon for many years. She met her future husband Henry in 1950 and they were married in 1951. After her first child was born in 1954 Ruth stayed home to take care of

her family. In 1955 Ruth and Henry built and moved into their lifelong home in Bayside, Wisconsin. She resided there until 2019 when she moved into a senior living community in Minnesota. She and Henry were proud and active members of North Shore Congregational Church from 1961 until their deaths. Ruth will be remembered for being very engaged with others and being a lifelong learner. She loved to read and was constantly aware of current events, subscribing to and reading both the Milwaukee Journal and the Wall Street Journal. She attended many community educational programs and Bible study programs throughout her adult life. She loved to play bridge and tennis, continuing both into her 80's. Ruth loved to laugh and enjoyed life. She was also a good sport when the joke was on her.

A lover of music, Ruth played the oboe and piano as a child and was a proud soprano who sang in every choir in every church she attended until her late 80's.

Ruth was very focused on eating and living healthily. She loved to exercise and swim and spend time outside, particularly enjoying sunshine year-round. Throughout her life she enjoyed swimming anywhere and everywhere, whether in one of the many Wisconsin lakes, pools in Florida, or the Gulf of Mexico. She also was an avid walker around her home in Bayside and was known to readily chat and befriend neighbors along the way. She also enjoyed fitness and yoga exercises throughout her life and exercised every day of her life until she could not. Ruth was also a proud 49-year breast cancer survivor. She was fondly known as the "Energizer Bunny".

Having grown up during the Great Depression, Ruth and Henry worked hard to live within their means and save for their future. Later in life, they enjoyed travel, both throughout the U.S. and abroad. They especially enjoyed time at a family lake home near Hayward, Wisconsin surrounded by their children and grandchildren. After the passing of Henry, Ruth continued to travel with family

and friends including trips with her church to Italy and Israel.

Ruth was a caregiver to many family members and friends throughout her life and was dedicated to helping others. She was involved in her church with Stephen Ministries, choir, prayer chain, baking goods and other various missions. She was also proud of her Masonic heritage and was active in her younger years. She loved her children and grandchildren and enjoyed every minute she spent with them.

Ruth lived a long, full life and will be missed.

A celebration of Ruth's life will be held Saturday, September 2, 2023 at 1:30pm with a reception to follow at North Shore Congregational Church, 7330 N Santa Monica Blvd. Fox Point, WI 53217. In lieu of flowers, donations in Ruth's honor can be made to North Shore Congregational Church.