



Ruth Joan Stauffer

November 27, 1937 - June 12, 2026

Bloomington, MN - Ruth Tveite Stauffer, age 88, passed away peacefully on June 12, 2026. She was preceded in death by her husband of 51 years, William Moyer Stauffer; parents, Jack and Millie Tveite; brother, Paul (Polly, Betty) Tveite; and sister, Ellen (Romone) Harrison.

Ruth was born in Albert Lea, MN and pursued a career as a certified registered nurse anesthetist, dedicating her professional life to caring for others. Ruth's life was marked by resilience, quick wit, humor, and a deep appreciation for the people in her life. Together, Ruth and Bill walked through life humbly and generously, embracing and befriending all whom they met at home and in their extensive travels. Everyone was welcome at Ruth's table for her gourmet meals. She was an accomplished pianist who took great joy in music, sharing it at home and church. She survived a serious and debilitating car accident in 1975, and through determination and strength, built a loving family, a meaningful career, and a life filled with music, friendship, and adventure.

Ruth is survived by her children, William (Carol) Stauffer, Jennifer Stauffer, and Christopher (Parul Matani) Stauffer; her cherished grandchildren, Jacob, Max, Sophie, and Samir; and many nieces and nephews. A special thank you to the Friendship Village Linden team, Grace Hospice and other special caregivers for their tender and loving care.

Ruth will be remembered for her resilience, generosity, musical talent, gourmet cooking, and unwavering love for her family. Those who wish to honor her memory may make a contribution to MacPhail Center for Music. A private interment will take place at a later date.