



Ruth Gertrude "Ruthann" O'Neill

May 7, 1965 - October 30, 2021

Ruth Gertrude "Ruthann" O'Neill of Chestertown, MD, died on October 30, 2021.

She was born on May 7, 1965, in Chestertown, MD, to parents Joseph and Leona O'Neill. She graduated from Queen Anne's County High School with the Class of 1983, where she was involved with band. She then went on to study at Alvernia University and received a math, physics, and music degree in 1987. In 1989, she graduated from University of Maryland College Park with a Bachelor's degree in Education.

She taught mathematics at Northwestern High School in Prince George's County, then at Kent County High School, and finished her teaching career with Talbot County High School. She became a caregiver for her mother and later worked for USA Fulfillment. She coached her students with the Robotics Team at Northwestern and the national association of Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement program at Kent during her time as an educator.

She was a member of Hope Fellowship Church in Chestertown, where she was very active. She was inspired by music; she played piano, was involved with the choir, and was an active participant in the church music program. She loved her cats and was a total animal lover.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her eldest sister, Theresa Kessinger, and eldest brother, Joseph O'Neill, Jr.

She is survived by two sisters, Mary Luike of Betterton, MD, and Kathleen O'Neill of Annapolis, MD; a brother, Thomas O'Neill of Levittown, PA; a very special niece, Jessica Luike of Betterton, MD; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Services will be held on Wednesday, November 10, at 11:00 am at Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home in Chestertown.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Hope Fellowship Church at P.O. Box 579, Chestertown, MD 21620, or to the Humane Society of Kent County at 10720 Augustine Herman Highway, Chestertown, MD 21620.

Previous Events

Service

NOV **10**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home
130 Speer Road
Chestertown, MD 21620
<http://www.fhnfuneralhome.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Ruth Gertrude "Ruthann" O'Neill*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - November 10, 2021 at 08:14 AM



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ruth Gertrude "Ruthann" O'Neill*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - November 08, 2021 at 12:42 PM



“ *Ruth Gertrude "Ruthann" O'Neill*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Ruth Gertrude "Ruthann" O'Neill*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Ruth Gertrude "Ruthann" O'Neill*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *She was a very sweet and gentle soul. I remember her in the QACHS band where we played many tunes together. We shared the class of 1983. She was very talented and after reading her obit I see she went very far with her education and career. I am sure she's playing music with angels. I'm so sorry to hear of her passing. My prayers out to her family and friends.*

Dani Woodhurst - November 10, 2021 at 06:32 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Ruth Gertrude "Ruthann" O'Neill.*



November 09, 2021 at 01:59 PM



“ *My wife and step daughter with Ruth during a Thanksgiving dinner she, Steph and Cassidy all helped make. It was one of many dinners or bbq's we went to. Ruth, you always cared more about others than you did yourself. Fly and teach other angels to play the piano.*



John F - November 07, 2021 at 09:06 PM

GW

“ *Ginger Wheat lit a candle in memory of Ruth Gertrude "Ruthann" O'Neill*



Ginger wheat - November 05, 2021 at 10:22 PM

RT

“ *My husband, Freddie and I were in marching band with Ruthie. Ruth and I both started out playing flute; we then both switched to low brass, me on trombone and Ruth on tuba. Freddie also played tuba. They were the dynamic duo! He had so much respect for Ruthann as a musician and a friend. Ruthie and I were in many of the same classes. We got to know each other and became close friends. Freddie and I reminisce about band and our conversation would always turn to "I wonder where Ruthann is?". We'd recently reconnected on Facebook...and now we're in shock that she's gone. Freddie and I will always remember Ruthie and the impact she had on our lives. Thank God for her life and friendship.*

Rita Tingle-Lewis

Rita Tingle-Lewis - November 05, 2021 at 06:00 PM



“ 112 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - November 05, 2021 at 03:00 PM

PR

“ *Peggy O'Neill Rohr lit a candle in memory of Ruth Gertrude "Ruthann" O'Neill*



Peggy O'Neill Rohr - November 04, 2021 at 08:38 PM

PR

“ My dear cousin Ruthann had a generous heart and was a very caring person. She was very smart. Math and music were two talents that she shared through teaching, singing, and playing instruments in school and at church. She often provided me transportation to get to band and church events. I learned a lot from Ruth. Her sense of humor, smile, and laughter are wonderful memories. Aunt Cindy said that she was always very good to her and that she would never forget her. I am very thankful to Ruthie as my go-to person when I could not reach Mom. Ruthie was reassuring and advocated for mom by calling the phone and power companies during those windy Eastern Shore storms. If Ruth couldn't check on her, she would ask a friend to drive over to her house to make sure she was okay. Ruthie will be forever missed, never forgotten. Sending my love to the family, you are all in my thoughts and prayers. My best, Peggy O'Neill Rohr and Chris, Joe, and Elizabeth

Peggy O'Neill Rohr - November 04, 2021 at 08:32 PM

SR

“ Ruth was a special friend to me and my daughter Cassidy. We met her 14 years ago at the Washington College pool where we all swam together. We became very close friends quickly. She had a heart of gold and would give her all to help others. My heart is broke and things won't be the same without her. The world has lost a saint but heaven has gained an angel.

Stephane Reuwer - November 04, 2021 at 03:20 PM

MC

“ Ruthann Was A Kind Soul To Many People & Opened Her Home To Anyone In Need! She Will Be Missed! RIP

Marion Chance - November 03, 2021 at 05:15 PM

MY

“ Ruth and I was in school together in the choir. When I was in college we would get together. we lost touch for two years when I bought a house in chestertown and went to mass at sacred hart that christmas she gave me a huge and said you are joining the choir. Then asked when can I see the house by the next day she got me a gift of ceramic rose for my house and for many years we would go the the movies every friday in chestertown. I love you Ruthie and will miss you very much. PS give ginger a bell rub for me.

maryann yirka - November 03, 2021 at 03:13 PM

KE

“ Ruthie and I graduated from High School together. I will always remember her big smile and kind heart. It looks like she accomplished so much and was loved by many. My thoughts and prayers go out to her family. RIP sweet Ruthie❤️

Kaye Einbrod - November 03, 2021 at 11:36 AM

MP

“ Ruth and I worked together at USA. I have to say though, I did not know half of all the wonderful things that were written about her Life in the obit. What a truly wonderful life she seems to have led. She seems to have touched so many hearts by the tributes. I am grateful for the short time of knowing her, always such a sweetheart at work. I am sure the USA family is missing her. Prayers for the family in their time of need.

Maggie

maggie patterson - November 03, 2021 at 09:55 AM

MP

“ Maggie Patterson lit a candle in memory of Ruth Gertrude "Ruthann" O'Neill



maggie patterson - November 03, 2021 at 09:34 AM

KD

“ Ruth was my cousin, I remember seeing her every family reunion back in the day. Ruth and I hung out as young kids, my favorite memory of her....I was able to spend a week at her house in Maryland. I remember us swimming, visiting cow farm, playing in her room with dolls and reading books.
Love and Prayers to the rest of the family during this difficult time!



Kelly Briar Davis - November 03, 2021 at 07:58 AM

VI

“ WOW!!! how time flies 🥺 I remember many sleepovers at their home, Mary and I were dear friends, and "ruthie" was always there to tag a long 🥺 she always had the SWEETEST spirit about her and I know many will miss her deeply 🥰 love and prayers go out to all 🙏
❤️
Val Whaley ivins

Val whaley ivins - November 02, 2021 at 07:37 PM

SH

“ *Very sweet lady, she would pick me up and take me back home from Upward Bound when there was no transportation. Great Teacher!! Later we became great co-workers at USA. She will definitely be missed!!*



Sherri - November 02, 2021 at 07:36 PM

DT

“ *I worked with Ruthann at Chesapeake's Upward Bound Program. Great teacher with endless heart for her students.*

Dan Towers - November 02, 2021 at 03:54 PM

DT

“ *Dan Towers lit a candle in memory of Ruth Gertrude "Ruthann" O'Neill*



Dan Towers - November 02, 2021 at 03:48 PM

LP

“ *Ruth was such a sweet caring Lady She will be missed*



Lee Phillips - November 02, 2021 at 09:33 AM

KN

“ *Ruthie was our tenor in the Sacred Heart choir and then became our director for several years. She loved music and I have no doubt she is now singing with the choirs of angels.*
My sympathy to her family!



kitty neff - November 02, 2021 at 08:35 AM

FN

*My heart breaks for the family 🙏
I agree with KN—her beautiful voice is singing praises with the angels.*

Faye Nurns - November 02, 2021 at 12:08 PM