



## Patricia A. Ruth

April 18, 1963 - January 23, 2026

Patricia Ann Ruth, of DeMotte, Indiana, passed away on January 23, 2026 at the age of 62. Though her spirit remained strong, her body could no longer continue its fight.

Born on April 18, 1963 in Charlestown, Massachusetts to Claude and Hilda Jones. She was raised in a lively household with her four sisters, each encouraged to be strong, independent, and true to herself. From an early age, Patricia learned the importance of hard work, responsibility, and integrity—values that shaped her entire life.

Patricia attended North Newton High School, graduating in May of 1982. On June 5 of that same year, Patricia married the love of her life, Robert A. Ruth Jr., beginning a marriage rooted in devotion, partnership, and family.

Patricia continued her education at Indiana University Northwest, where she earned her associate degree in nursing. Nursing was more than a career—it was her

calling. With unmatched compassion and generosity, she dedicated over 30 years to caring for others. For two decades, she served as a charge nurse in the Rehabilitation Unit at St. Anthony Franciscan Hospital in Crown Point, Indiana. She spent another ten years on their trauma team, providing intake and follow-up care. Patricia retired only when her own health challenges made continuing impossible.

Patricia enjoyed her career and the lives she touched. From those at the hospital, to caring for her own father and close relatives, it seemed her cup never ran dry. An open ear, mind and heart, she was a blessing to many. Her kindness, empathy, and unwavering dedication touched countless lives.

Patricia's unwavering concern always remained her beloved family. She poured her heart into nurturing her children with boundless love and wisdom, but it was her grandchildren who she adored more than anything, finding pure joy in their laughter and milestones. Her legacy of enduring strength will forever inspire those she leaves behind.

Patricia is survived by her husband of 43 years; Robert A. Ruth Jr., mother Hilda, children; Rob (Katie) Ruth, Rachel (Zeljko Galic) Ruth, Ryan (Ashley Rollins)

Ruth, and  
Rebecca (Tanner) Laughlin, grandkids; Olivia, Jackson, Amelia, Robby,  
George, Colin,  
Theo, Lylah, Luka, Lorelai, Goldie, and Lainey, sisters; Connie Jones,  
Kimberly (Daniel)  
Vanlandingham, Tonya Nwachukwu, and Pamela Miller, and brother-in-law;  
Donald  
Ruth.

Patricia was preceded in death by her father, Claude, parents-in-law, Robert  
A. Ruth Sr.  
and Virginia K. Ruth, and brothers-in-law, Terrance Kaluf and Bartholomew  
Nwachukwu.

Family and friends are invited to Jackson Funeral Service in DeMotte, Indiana  
on Saturday, February 7, 2026 from 10:00 AM until time of service at noon  
with Pastor James Clark officiating. Interment will immediately follow at  
DeMotte Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## DeMotte Cemetery

790 8th Street, SE  
DeMotte, IN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 7. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Jackson Funeral Service of DeMotte  
200 3rd Street, SW  
P.O. Box 681  
DeMotte, IN 46310  
(219) 987-5300  
info@jacksonfuneral.com  
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## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Jackson Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of Patricia A. Ruth*



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**Jackson Funeral Chapels** - February 06 at 09:34 AM

LH



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**Lori DeArmond Hood** - February 07 at 01:45 PM

LF

“ *Love Always, The Patino Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Patricia A. Ruth.*



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**Love Always, The Patino Family** - February 06 at 04:36 PM

LF

“ *Love Always, The Patino Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patricia A. Ruth.*

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**Love Always, The Patino Family** - February 06 at 04:36 PM

WF

“ With love Ken and Bayarmaa Failla purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Patricia A. Ruth.



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**With love Ken and Bayarmaa Failla** - February 06 at 03:06 PM

WF

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**With love Ken and Bayarmaa Failla** - February 06 at 03:06 PM

TP

“ The Smith Family (Collin's parents) purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Patricia A. Ruth.



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**The Smith Family (Collin's parents)** - February 06 at 12:57 PM

TP

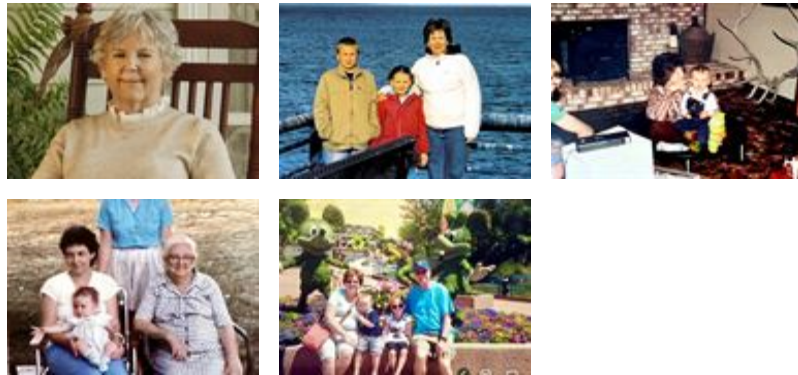
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**The Smith Family (Collin's parents)** - February 06 at 12:57 PM



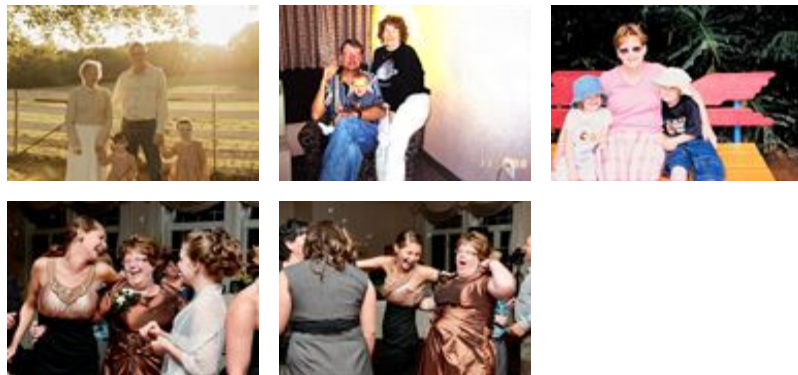
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Jackson Funeral Chapels - February 06 at 09:31 AM



“ 98 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Jackson Funeral Chapels - February 05 at 03:42 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of *Patricia A. Ruth.*



February 03 at 12:31 PM

FS

“Franciscan Health CP Executive Staff planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patricia A. Ruth.

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**Franciscan Health CP Executive Staff** - February 03 at 12:31 PM

WB

“Wendy & Dave Burnette lit a candle in memory of Patricia A. Ruth



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**Wendy & Dave Burnette** - February 02 at 02:53 PM

LJ

“Patty and I became Best friends our Junior year in high-school. When she and Bob started dating she would make me go on her dates with Bob because he was older and she was nervous. So what did I do when she asked? Well I became the third wheel and Bob was always so kind about it. Patty and I laughed and told him, "You know you are dating us both now?" We all would laugh. I was in the car with her and her mom as she practiced learning how to drive a stick shift which happened to be Bob's car. We were laughing so hard and her mom was so patient. She was trying to go up her driveway and about hit a tree! Her mom and I got out of the car. "We were done for the day!" Cracking up still. We rode our bikes from Roselawn to DQ in Demotte and back! I was there when she was filled with excitement to announce she was engaged to Bob. She was so head over heels in love with Bob she didn't care that she was getting married right after graduation! The agreement. I was honored to be in their wedding. My husband Chris is her cousin and she took me over to his house to introduce me to one of her cute cousins that she knew we would be perfect for each other. Lol. I became her cousin but we were Bestie's first. We started having kids. I would come over to her house or she would come to mine. Then life got busy. She was going to school to be a nurse, working, having babies. I remember a conversation she had with me about having more kids after the first 2 Robby and Rachel were older and in school and she said "well Bob and I are going to have more" i told her, " oh my goodness thats going to be like starting over again." She knew that. She was determined . She knew she could and would do just that. My youngest Nick and Ryan were born the same year. That was fun being pregnant together❤️. Then when she came to my son Nicks first birthday she told me she was going to hurry up and get pregnant again because Robby and Rachel were close in age and she wanted Ryan to have someone too. I was like, ""are you sure? Thats a lot. " She said, "I know but I know i can do it." I said ok then. I supported her decision. I had no doubt she would. She always had a strength about her and a deep love for family and friends. If you were blessed to have her in your life either as family or friend then you know what I mean. If she was in your

life you knew without a doubt that you were truly loved and truly cared about, unconditionally. Again, life got busy and we ended up catching up at funerals. Then the illnesses started to hit. I texted her and we started talking. Everyday. Texts and calls. My health was not doing well and bad news kept coming causing my life to make a drastic change but hers was worse. This was not what I imagined it to be. This was not what either of us expected. Then her news came and I think she already knew what was coming but not how bad. Hers was worse. I remember when she told me and said, "It's bad Lisa." "It's cancer." We both just cried, then got mad then cried. CANCER!! We were too young. She was too young. This was not fair!!! Then she put her fighting gloves on! And boy did she fight! Our daily calls and texts continued. I was so grateful and blessed that they did. She had good days and bad days. We would go get our pedicures and do lunch at Cup of Joy in Demotte. She loved the Buffalo Chicken and a half salad with peach vinaigrette. She would always get the hot marshmallow Carmel latte and sometimes put white chocolate in it. A few days before she went into the hospital this time, she told me that she would love one of those marshmallow latte's from Cup of Joy. I told her you got it and dropped what I was doing and got her just that! I had appointments every week and she had appointments every week. One of our doctors was the same doctor so we would work our appointments close so we could hang out together at the appointments. Even went to lunch. We laughed because here we are again. Patty, Bob and me!! I send to both of them, "look. Just like old times" we all laughed. She just always told me that she just wasn't ready and she wanted to extend her life as long as she could to be with her family. Her husband. Her kids. Her grandkids her mom. Her sisters. She loved her sister's trips. She was always excited for each one and always hoping it wouldn't be her last. Her battle took Bob and Patty away to Houston Texas to the MD Anderson cancer place. It was the hardest decision her and Bob had to make but Patty was bound and determined to extend her life as long as she could. She knew more than most of us know, but Patty just wasn't ready to throw in the towel and she said if there was a way then she had to do it. Bob was right there by her side like always. Then made sure that they

*came back to Indiana every chance they could. The trips were so hard on her. She would be so sick and so weak. But that didn't stop her. She would gain some strength and have some more good days. I will never forget her phone to me on Christmas day! She had been in the hospital down in Texas and she called me and yelled with joy, "°Lisa, it's a Christmas Mirlice!! They released me and I am coming home!" She was coming home to Indiana to see her kids, her grandkids, her sister's, her mom, shoot everyone she could, friends included!*

*I didn't expect her to go. I thought she would pull through, get some strength and have another good day or two or more. That's what she would do. But that is not what happened. You are never ready. It's always never enough time.. God please, one more hug. One more kiss on the forehead. One more I love you! God had different plans. So we are left here. All of us. To grieve. To cry. But remember her, talk about the fun times maybe even some bad times because those always made us stronger. Remember how much she loved you. She will always be with us because she entered our hearts. All my love to Bob, Robby (sorry you'll always be Robby to me) Rachel, Becca and all those beautiful grandchildren. To all your husband's and wives and soul mates. To all her sister's, Connie, Pam (always Pammy to me) Kim and Tonya. To her brother in law Don (Donny). To her mom, Hilda. And to all her many friends and other family members, I pray that God gives you strength to live on each day. To give each of you the comfort that he knows what each individual needs. Always remember and keep her close in your heart. We all were truly blessed to have been a part of her life but mostly her a part of ours. My love to all of you❤️*

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**Lisa Jones** - January 26 at 05:37 PM

MB

*Beautifully written with heart & soul, Lisa. My sincere condolences to Patty's family & all the people in her life that will miss her.*

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**Mila Benson** - January 26 at 08:47 PM

WB

*Patty and I became close friends through work, we shared a office together and we would shut the door and block out the rest of the world , listening to music her singing , we would joke and laugh all day, she was a hilarious friend to hang with everyday, I loved coming to work because of her. We decorated our office with pictures of our families our grandkids especially, so I always considered family because I felt like part of hers. She has the best family and friends that I have met. The love she shared with each and every one of them. I'm going to miss our texts especially the funny random ones, and our phone calls. Bless your heart my sweet sweet friend , I will forever hold in my heart our fun and good times we had , all the laughs we shared , they will always keep your memory in my ❤️! I love you sweet friend and I miss you already . Dave and I will forever check on Bob make sure he is doing ok, don't worry we will drag him to all our favorite Resturants! No one wants to let you go we love and miss you so much , but your at peace and comfort now, and I know your doing good things up in heaven now. May God help to comfort your family and friends during this difficult time and bring peace for them in your wonderful memories always ! Love you forever friend ! ❤️❤️*

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**Wendy Burnette** - January 27 at 07:03 AM

LJ

*Love you Wendy. Such good memories. So glad we met!! I have memories of laughter and goofy calls and texts too. That was Patty. You think of how much time you were together at work. What a blessing!*

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**Lisa Jones** - January 27 at 09:43 AM

KF

*Bob,I know you and your children are full of sorrow right now and it hurts.But she is at peace now. She will always watch over you and wait patiently for each and everyone of you to join her in Heaven. Love Ken and Bayarmaa. I am deeply sorry we can not be there with you now but you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Ken and Bayarmaa Failla** - February 06 at 03:31 PM

EA

“ *Elaine Anderson lit a candle in memory of Patricia A. Ruth*



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**Elaine Anderson** - January 26 at 03:34 PM

LJ

“ *Lisa Jones lit a candle in memory of Patricia A. Ruth*



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**Lisa Jones** - January 26 at 03:04 PM

LD

“ *Patty had a very sweet, caring , nurturing personality!  
Always willing to care and help others in such a compassionate way!  
Prayers for her family as they go thru this time!  
God is surely Blessing her now*

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**lila Marie Dunham** - January 26 at 02:49 PM

LH

“ *Lori DeArmond Hood purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Patricia A. Ruth.*



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**Lori DeArmond Hood** - January 26 at 01:40 PM

MP

“ Oh Mama Patty, my heart is so heartbroken for your family. You were a second mom to me growing up with Becca. All the school dances, church sessions, sleepovers and whatever else Becca & I decided to do together. You always made sure we had our 2 liters of pop, party pizzas, and hot Cheetos. You welcomed me into your home and let me enjoy it like it was my own. You treated me like your own. I'll never forget those moments. The earth is a little darker without you in it. Rest easy you'll always be my mama patty ☐



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**Merisa Patino** - January 26 at 01:19 PM

LH

“ Lori DeArmond Hood lit a candle in memory of Patricia A. Ruth



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**Lori DeArmond Hood** - January 26 at 01:05 PM

LH

“ I'm truly heartbroken and my deepest, sincerest condolences go out to Bob, her children, grandchildren, mother, sisters & brother in-law Don. She was my best friend in HS. My maid of honor in my 1st marriage. She pierced my ears in her bedroom and turned me on to frozen Twinkies. We shared so much. I attended my first 3 concerts with her & Bob. Our friendship continued after we were both married & she & Bob spent a lot of time at my home. We visited them in their first apartment & then they moved to Rockford where we weren't able to visit until they moved back. Our friendship continued throughout the years as we both became mothers. Sharing our joy in our children & our joy for each others children until somehow life took us in different directions leaving us only to keeping in touch sparingly. I will always cherish my wonderful memories of our friendship and I will miss her dearly. She was genuinely a good, kind, caring, loving person. Rest easy now sweet Patty. My love for you shall go on.

*Lori DeArmond Hood*

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**Lori DeArmond Hood** - January 26 at 01:04 PM