



Ruth Ann Kriewall

July 20, 1959 - January 31, 2026

Ruth Ann (Messing) Kriewall, born July 20, 1959, Daughter of the late Edward and Marjorie (Booms) Messing, went home to the Lord on January 31, 2026, peacefully surrounded by the love and comfort of her husband, John, and her closest loved ones.

Ruth grew up in Minden City, Mi. She attended Ruth St. Peter and Paul Catholic School and finished at Harbor Beach High School, where she was a record holder in track and field. She married her high school sweetheart, John Kriewall on June 18th, 1977. They started their little family right away and took on this journey of life together every step of the way, celebrating 50+ beautiful years together.

Ruthie was an enthusiast for homesteading hobbies. She truly had the most magical green thumb; a master gardener that looked forward to canning her goodies. Her recipe book was one of her most prized possessions; she had a great love for homemade delicacies. Ruthie loved spending time outdoors in nature and adventuring around. She was the most creative with her crafting skills, making art out of everything she attempted. She never missed the opportunity to share her love and knowledge of the skills she acquired. She took great pride in making sure her grandchildren were raised to appreciate the simple things in life to be able to carry them onto the next generations.

Ruthie ran a Greenhouse in her younger years which was where her passion for gardening blossomed. She was an active member of the HB Conservation Club. Ruth was very involved in the community working at many local

businesses over the years including Klump Drug, Elzinga's, Sandmann's, and Brennan's Men's Shop doing tuxedos. Eventually she took over doing tuxedos at her location Brennan's Men's Formal Wear up until she retired from working.

Over the last few years, Ruth was battling some complex health issues. Her feisty spirit and strong-will kept her fighting strong until the very end of this lifetime. She didn't let her health keep her from enjoying the things she loved to do and making sure her family was taken care of. If anything, it kept her pushing on, making sure it wasn't her time until we understood how important her life legacy not be forgotten.

Ruth is preceded in death by her father Edward Messing Sr. & Mother Marjorie Messing of Minden City, Mi; her Husband John Kriewall of Harbor Beach, Mi; Son Aaron Kriewall; Daughter Andrea Piskorz (Leon); her Grandchildren Paxton Kriewall (Brandon), Kacey Reece, Aidyn Piskorz; and Great-grandchildren Ashton, Carter, and baby Jaxen.

As well as her beloved pets Rosie, Jerry, and Baby Kitty.

Ruth is also preceded in death by her brother Phil Messing and niece Meri Williams. She is also survived by her brothers, Edward Messing Jr. (Robin) of Sandusky, Mi; twin Roy Messing (Julie) of Caledonia, Mi; Clair Messing (Michelle) of Macomb, Mi; Gregory Messing (Theresa) of Rockford, Mi; and sisters Christine DeFord (Paul) of Mason, Mi; Jill Messing (John) of Lansing, Mi; and sister in laws Renee Messing (Phil) of Opelika, AL; Jan Adler (Jim) of ; as well as a host of deeply loved aunts, uncles, cousins, nephews and nieces. Ruthie lived an eventful life worth learning from. To this day we are all still learning a little bit more about her and we can help comfort each other by keeping her memory alive. Ruth requested a memorial service be held at a later date to honor her life.

A Celebration of Life will be held Thursday June 18, 2026 at American Legion Post 197 in Harbor Beach. A service will be held at 5pm to Celebrate the lives of Ruth and her brother Phil Messing who also passed in January. Please bring chairs as seating may be limited. Reach out to the family if you'd like

more information. We appreciate all the Prayers and Compassion our community has given us. We also extend our sincerest gratitude to the A&D hospice care team that helped the family fulfill Ruth's requests of being under the care and comfort of her loved ones at home

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUN 18. 5:00 PM (ET)

American Legion Post 197
Trescott Street
Harbor Beach, MI 48441

Tribute Wall

BS

“ I have so many memories of Ruth (and John) - from the Wild Game dinners that started in their home with a group of close friends, to hanging out at the farmhouse playing cards or having a bonfire, whenever Terry and I were in town we were always welcome at Ruth and John's. When Terry died, Ruth made a point of staying in contact via email and keeping me informed of what was happening in her life, and letting me share what was going on in mine. She was kind and funny, and there will never be anyone like her again. RIP, Ruth, and thanks for your many years of friendship. I'll miss you, give Terry a kiss for me - Brenda (Schave)

Brenda Schave - June 18 at 02:07 PM

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“ Kelly Krueger and family planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ruth Ann Kriewall.

Kelly Krueger and family - June 05 at 10:49 PM

DS

“ Ruthie was among the “ smock “ sisters of Klump pharmacy. She was so witty and fun. I know I learned a lot of gardening tips from her and John. Steve and I enjoyed so many adventures with Ruth and John. I will miss her. But she is no longer suffering and that's the best part.

Debra Schubring - June 05 at 04:22 PM