



Ruth Ann (Forbes) Litwin

April 14, 1933 - August 12, 2023

Ruth Ann (Forbes) Litwin was born April 14, 1933 to Morris and Lena Forbes in Omaha, Nebraska. She passed away on August 12, 2023 at the age of 90.

She is survived by her sister-in-law Marcia Forbes, children Brenda (Don), Linda, Bennett (Gayla) and Stuart (Sandra), grandchildren Gena, Aaron, Ross, Adam, Joel, David, Melissa, Tamara, and Hana, and 17 great grandchildren. She adored and received great happiness by just being with all of them, loved hearing from them, and took great pride in their accomplishments. She was preceded in death by her husband Martin, her parents, her brothers Daniel, Ralph, and Leonard, and her sister Sara.

Ruth grew up in San Antonio, where her father owned a bakery, and graduated from Thomas Jefferson HS in 1951. While attending Junior College, she met and married Martin Louis Litwin in 1952, followed by a cherished honeymoon to Mexico.

By age 25, Ruth had four young children whom she raised as a stay-at-home mother. After moving through several Kansas and Missouri towns early in their marriage, Ruth and Martin settled in Dallas, TX in 1962.

In Dallas, Ruth discovered her talents and passion for art after one class. She enjoyed it so much that she became a professional painter, sculptor, and

printmaker. Of her many art accomplishments, one of the most remarkable was being selected for the US Department of State Art in Embassies program where her work traveled the globe to four continents. Ruth also created many beautiful works of art centered on Judaism, including the centerpiece sculpture displayed in the Dallas Holocaust Museum and her ner tamid (eternal light) sculptures placed in The Legacy Senior Community chapels.

Ruth was a kind and charitable woman who was keenly aware of her good fortune. She gave back to the arts community by mentoring young artists and opening doors as President of the Texas Fine Arts Association. Ruth was a mensch, a good woman who loved family and her many lifelong friends. She encouraged and helped all of her children to pursue their dreams.

Her sharp wit, honesty, earnest interest in others, and life-of-the-party personality continue to shine and bring color to those who carry her memory.

Ruth and Martin were members of Temple Emanu-El for over 50 years. Donations in her memory may be made to Jewish Family Services, Southern Poverty Law Center, Temple Emanu-El, or the charity of your choice.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG 15. 11:00 AM (CT)

Temple Emanu-El
8500 Hillcrest Ave.
Dallas, TX 75225

Stern Chapel

Tribute Wall



“ *I love Mom She always said she had four children so that when she was gone we would have each other What a loving way Linda daughter*

Linda Fowler - September 05, 2025 at 10:46 AM