



Roxanna Leah Hurst

December 13, 1933 - January 14, 2024

Roxanna Leah Hurst (nee Love), Age 90, of Penns Grove, NJ passed away peacefully among family on January 14, 2024.

Roxanna was born in Mt. Pleasant, PA on December 13th, 1933 to parents Kenneth Charles and Opal Elvira Love. Roxanna and her parents moved to Scottdale, PA where she met her future husband Dick when they were five years old. She did not see him until years later when they started dating in high school. Roxanna and Dick graduated from Scottdale High School in 1955 and both attended Indiana State Teacher's College (IUP) where Roxanna graduated with a B.A. in Art Education. Roxanna taught briefly in Uniontown, PA while Dick was drafted into the Navy. They were married in Scottdale and their honeymoon was driving to California to Dick's assignment on the USS Yorktown.

Roxanna and Dick moved to Penns Grove NJ in the late 50's where she soon became a beloved elementary, middle, and high school arts and music teacher for 34 years. Some of her accomplishments included serving as President of the AAUW Salem Chapter, first Vice President of the Salem County Arts Alliance, as well as President of the Penns Grove-Carneys Point School Employees Association. She chaired the development of the District's Gifted and Talented program and co-coordinated the Salem County Teen Arts Festival. She was President of the Penns Grove – Carneys Point School

Employees Association. She had received a Master's degree in Secondary Teaching (Art) from Glassboro State College with a Supervision Certification.

She was an Odyssey of the Mind coach while at Penns Grove High School. She co-founded The Fox Tale Players and was a founding member of 'The Stompin' Grannies'. She designed sets and performed for numerous area theatres, and operated her own business, Floral Fancies. She was a member of Sigma Sigma Sigma, and Phi Beta Kappa sororities. She was a member of the Red Hat Society, also a member and past President of the Woman's Club of Penns Grove – Carneys Point.

She enjoyed nothing more than the time spent with lifelong friends and family.

She was predeceased by her parents: Opal Elvira Miller and Kenneth Charles Love; husband, Harry Richard Hurst III; daughter, Elizabeth Catharine; and brother, Lynn Sutton Love. She is survived by her brother, Malcolm Scott Love (Christine); her children, Harry Richard "Skip" Hurst IV (Pam), and Gretchen Love Hurst-Murtha (Jim); and her grandchildren, Ian, Caitlin, Charles, and Liam.

In lieu of flowers, please consider contributions to the American Cancer Society, The National MS Society, or the Autism Society of America.

Tribute Wall

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“ I met Roxanna in 1975 and little did I know then that meeting would lead to a life long friendship. She became my sounding board, my mentor, a shoulder, an advisor, a co-worker, a dinner companion, and a confidant. My life is forever fuller and more enriched at having been able to call Roxanna my friend.

Robin Thompson - March 23, 2024 at 06:58 PM

JH

“ Roxanna was a beacon of light to the Arts community in Salem County. She touched the lives of family, friends and artists with her love, support and enthusiasm. She will be fondly remembered throughout the South Jersey area.

Jim Hutchison - February 02, 2024 at 12:29 PM

 Louise
Surace
Groeber

“ Roxanna was a wonderful mentor to me during my first year teaching at Penns Grove High School. She was full of life and always active in the community. She was an artistic, talented woman who loved her family and friends. Rest in peace, Roxana.

Louise Surace Groeber - January 30, 2024 at 10:23 AM

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“ I met Roxanna a few years ago thru the Women s Club and even though it was for just a short time she was so gracious and accepting to me as a new member. I admired her grace and knowledge about the arts. She created a dance skit for the ladies club performing arts in which I totally enjoyed performing and whenever I hear the song Uptown Funk.... I will salute you, Roxanna.

Elaine Titus

elaine titus - January 29, 2024 at 08:00 AM

TS

“ I was so honored to be at Roxana’s 90th Birthday Party. She was a very special Lady and so interesting! I was so happy to be able to talk with her and learn so much more about her at her Party. Rest in Peace, dear Roxana.💖🙏💖🥺

Theresa Satterfield (IsabellaWeiss’s si) - January 27, 2024 at 09:13 PM

IW

“ Roxanna was one of the nicest, sweetest woman I ever met! A very courageous woman and was always willing to help you anyway she could. I am so fortunate to have known her for the time that I did. I will never forget her, I will pray that she rests in peace with her family ❤️❤️❤️❤️

Isabella Weiss - January 27, 2024 at 08:30 PM



“ *Carol Molinari Monks lit a candle in memory of Roxanna Leah Hurst*



Carol Molinari Monks - January 27, 2024 at 05:39 PM



“ *Linda Kratzer lit a candle in memory of Roxanna Leah Hurst*



Linda Kratzer - January 27, 2024 at 12:31 PM