



## Ruthanne Renzi

February 23, 1949 - March 30, 2019

Ruthanne Renzi of Belmont Hills, 70, died peacefully at home on March 30th surrounded by her loving family after a long battle with ovarian cancer.

Ruthanne was born February 23rd, 1949 in Bryn Mawr, PA. She was preceded in death by her parents John and Marie Johnstone, her brother Thomas Johnstone, and her sister Donna Burger.

Ruthanne was a graduate of Harriton High School (class of 1967) and became a Registered Nurse (RN) upon graduating from the Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania (class of 1970). Ruthanne enjoyed her career as a nurse and she spent the majority of her career at The Fairmount Behavioral Institute in Philadelphia, PA, where she specialized in psychiatric nursing.

She met her husband Anthony (Tony) Renzi in 1990, and they tied the knot on March 28th, 1998. Ruthanne's hobbies and passions included ballet, jazz and tap dancing, collecting jewelry, the Spanish language, and travelling. Since early childhood, she had been an animal lover and animal advocate, especially of cats. She spent enormous time, effort, and resources working with feral cats within Philadelphia, including trapping, fixing, releasing, and feeding. She was also a generous supporter of the ASPCA and World Wildlife Fund (WWF). A kind and loving woman, she was also known for her directness and honesty. She loved to spend time with her family and enjoyed good food and good wine.

Ruthanne was a beloved wife, sister, mother, and grandmother. In addition to her husband Tony, Ruthanne is survived by her brother John Johnstone, her son David Ian Raker, and her grandchildren Andrew Edward Raker, Leatitia Raker, and Solidad (Soli) Salgado.

The family will receive guests after 10 AM on Friday April 5th at Saint John's Episcopal Church, 404 Levering Mill Road, Bala Cynwyd, PA, where her Memorial Service will follow at 11 AM.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Providence Animal Center, 555 Sandy Bank Road, Media, PA 19063.

# Cemetery Details

## Westminster Cemetery

701 Belmont Avenue  
Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004

# Previous Events

## The family will receive guests

APR 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. John's Episcopal Church  
404 Leveringmill Road  
Bala Cynwyd, PA

## Memorial Service

APR 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Ruthanne Renzi.



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April 05, 2019 at 02:18 PM



“ *Thanks to John, Ruthanne’s brother who reunited us, I was able to visit Ruthanne in her final months. We were best friends from fifth grade on until I married and moved away in 1975, when we lost touch. Of the many memories we shared together and talked about as recently as last month, one you should all know about is how Ruthanne loved music and singing. We formed an all-girl rock band and played guitars and drums in the late 60’s- when girls didn’t play electric guitars in bands! I was happy to see Ruthanne enjoy singing with me and my “phone” to the Doors and reminiscing about our antics as kids as well as young women of the 60’s, during my visits. We grew up together and she will be in my memory as long as I’m alive.*

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**veronica gabriel** - April 04, 2019 at 10:02 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Ruthanne Renzi.



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April 04, 2019 at 05:33 PM

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“ *From Veronica Gabriel purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Ruthanne Renzi.*



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**From Veronica Gabriel** - April 01, 2019 at 05:00 PM

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“ *My name is Mary Isabella Kidd and I am Ruth's cousin from New Zealand. John, her brother found me a few years ago on Ancestry and we share the same Great Grand Father, Captain Kilgour, the whaler. We all became very close and it is with much sadness that I have learnt of Ruth's passing. She was always very kind and gentle and like myself, was an animal lover. My thoughts will be very much with you on Friday. RIP Ruth. All my love Mary*

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**Mary Kidd** - April 01, 2019 at 04:16 PM