



Erma Ruth Fink

January 22, 1929 - April 7, 2025

Erma Ruth Fink (nee Oberholtzer), formerly of Cinnaminson and Palmyra, NJ, passed away peacefully on April 7, 2025. Born in Norristown, PA to the late Bertram and Jessie (nee Guyer) Oberholtzer, Ruth was 96 years old.

Ruth was the beloved wife of the late Paul Fink who passed in 2006; loving mother of Jill Lee (Douglas) and Robert Fink (Peggy); cherished Mom-mom of Robert Fink (Yuliya), Katherine Lee, and Paul Huntington (Lindsay); Great grand-mom of Milana, Isla, Alfie, and Iona; dear sister of Mary Jane Fryling and loving Aunt to Wendy Culp, Jayne Gensert, and Linda Kracht.

Relatives and friends are invited to gather on Monday, April 14th at Christ Episcopal Church of Palmyra, 638 Parry Avenue, Palmyra, NJ 08065, from 10 am to 11 am. A service will begin at 11 am, followed by interment in Lakeview Memorial Park, Cinnaminson, NJ.

Please do not send flowers to the church. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Ruth can be made to Christ Episcopal Church at the above address.

Previous Events

Gathering of Family and Friends

APR 14. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Christ Episcopal Church
378 Parry Road
Palmyra, NJ 08065

Funeral Service

APR 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Palmyra, NJ 08065

Burial

APR 14. 12:00 PM (ET)

Lakeview Memorial Park
1300 Route 130 North
Cinnaminson, NJ 08077

Tribute Wall



“ *Our condolences with the passing of Ruth. She was a lovely lady. We have fond memories of her love for her roses. Peace and prayers, Kay Mufalli and the Hollyhock Gardeners.*

Kay Mufalli - April 15, 2025 at 03:13 PM

IN

“ Ruth was my best friend from 2003. When we met, I spoke very little English. I was grieving my 20yo daughter death. I was struggling with new for me in this country work relationships. I was beginning organist. Ruth was grieving her husband death. But she gave me comfort, support, friiienship, hug, understanding. We visited each other houses several times. We shared meels. Ruth always asked me to play for her. I loved to do it. I playdnmy music for her. I saw score with my composition on ger piano bench. I loved when she came to my concerts. Last time she did it was the day before she broke her hip. She told me how she was lying for hours on the icy porch... " this is the death of me" she thought. But she survived. Like she survived the cancer before. After hemotherapy she couldn't stand the tea (she had it too muchduringg tje tratment). So when I visited her, she always reminded me to bring my own teabag. I loved to share meels with her. I felt so peaceful and right. She loved tuna salad with bagel. She liked my homemade soup. And she always returned the box, never forgot. Ruth was an amazing friend. She listened very well. Not only my music, but my complaints. I felt better afterbtalking to her.

Ruth was learning all her life. Before going to Philadelphia orchestra concerts, she would study the pieces she was going to listen, memorizing themes from symphoniesn of Brahms, or Mahler, or Bruckner, studyng the structure, composer style, techniques, biography, of course. She took me to rehearsal to Kimmel Center, because she was patron of the orchestra. We went together to AGO Convention in 2010. I was amazed how organized Ruth was. She didn't miss a thing! I remember when I offered my hand to Ruth (on the stairs) she didn't want to take it, she was independent! My husband Kirill loved to go with my to her place, Ruth was his favorite friend, too.

She adored her family, children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, great children in law.

She loved birds. She was full of love. She was talented and hardworking musician. I often speak to her in my imagination. I will miss her terribly.

irina nenartovich - April 09, 2025 at 02:48 PM

DT

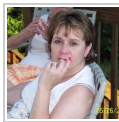
*What a lovely tribute you your dear friend. I am so very sorry for your loss.
Mrs. Fink was my choir teacher in the Palmyra High, it was my favorite class as I just loved the music she chose to share with us and teach us how to perform.*

Denise Thress/Guglielmucci - April 09, 2025 at 05:41 PM

IN

I was very emotional when wrote it, soo many mistakes, U wush I could edit.

Irina Nenartovich - April 09, 2025 at 07:59 PM



What a beautiful tribute to your friend. Thank you for sharing some of your memories of Mrs. Fink She also, was my choir teacher in PHS and also my favorite class. She was always so kind supportive, encouraging and lots of fun. My condolences to you and her family.

Carol Kahana Yauger - April 09, 2025 at 09:30 PM

BF

Thank you for writing such kind words. I remember my Mom talking about you fondly over the years.

Bob Fink - April 09, 2025 at 09:55 PM

BS

Mrs. Fink made singing more enjoyable for all of us in her classes. Many happy memories for me. Class of 1980.

Beverly Six - April 09, 2025 at 10:31 PM

KB

*Dear Jill, I remember your mom fondly even though I haven't seen her in many years. My sincere sympathy and love to you and your family.
Kamie Bruno*

Kamie Bruno - April 10, 2025 at 09:14 PM

KR

I loved Irina's heartfelt tribute to her dear friend. Ruth was a great inspiration to me. We were members of Mr. Fiorillo's Master piano class. When she performed, she was always, as they say, was spot on. Ruth was an amazing musician. Even if I didn't perform well at a class, Ruth always had something positive to say. She was always very encouraging. Ruth was someone I admired and had great respect for. I am grateful I knew her.

Kathy Reed - April 13, 2025 at 08:59 AM

SS

I had the privilege of working with Ruth in the Beauty Shop at Riverview Estates. She was kind, caring always trying to help the residents in many ways. She is sorely missed by those of us who had the honor of knowing her. I know she'll be watching her beloved Phillies from heaven.

Sandy Schafer

Sandy Schafer - April 13, 2025 at 06:12 PM

IN

Tomorrow is the funeral.. but Ruth will be alive in my memory... the way she spoke.. she used to repeat my sentence before giving an answer. When her grandchild was going to marry girl from russian (Ukrainian) family, Ruth came to my place to learn some russian greetings Of course she took it very seriously, repeated several times, wrote it down. When I got the kitten, and gave her russian name Murzya, Ruth tried to pronounce. "It will be difficult when you take her to the vet" She hesitated for a moment, and told : "Marcella!" We both were happy. Ruth was interested in russian music. When I played for her piece by Shostakovich, she ordered whole book and studied a few. Ruth made me feel better about myself as a musician. I loved the way she dressed : neat ironed blouses, mostly blue, dark pants, white comfortable sneakers.. in my imagination I see Ruth coming to my porch..maybe tomorrow, or next week?..

irina nenartovich - April 14, 2025 at 12:56 AM