



Ruby Adams

May 13, 1940 - February 8, 2024

Ruby Adams, 83, of Camillus, passed away peacefully on February 8 after daily visits from her family during a brief hospital & care stay. She was an unforgettable woman who often sparkled: an artist, a true creative who loved cooking, caring, and crafting for family and friends near and far, old, young, and all in between.

Ruby was born in Trinidad on May 13, 1940, and graduated from St. Joseph's Convent, Port of Spain. She taught Spanish and, as a young woman, was employed for a few years in financial services. Ruby met her husband Ray, a U.S. Marine stationed there in 1964, and they were married in 1966 in Syracuse. Later, she was a special education teaching assistant in Syracuse for many years. She also took joy in instructing vegetarian cooking at Onondaga Community College. She shared her homeland's culture of Carnival with Syracuse students and residents. With Ray, Ruby taught summer Bible camp at Elmwood Presbyterian and other churches, instructed conversational English at Syracuse University, and volunteered at the Camillus Erie Canal.

She was predeceased by her parents, Evans and Margaret Raghunanan, and her brother Edward. Ruby is survived by her loving husband, Ray, of nearly fifty-eight years; her sons Mark, Michael, and Matthew; her daughters-in-law Kumiko and Simone; her grandchildren Noah and Sophia; her brothers Roy

and Steve; her sister Vicenta Sartor, and many in-laws, cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Calling hours will be from 10 AM to Noon on Saturday, February 17, followed by a memorial service at noon at the B.L. Bush & Sons Funeral Home, 10 Genesee Street, Camillus. Burial will be in Onondaga County Veteran's Memorial Cemetery.

Donations in her memory may be made to the Rescue Mission Alliance of Syracuse, NY (155 Gifford Street, Syracuse, NY 13202).

Please sign her guestbook at www.BLBUSH.com

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 17. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

B.L. Bush & Sons Funeral Home
10 W. Genesee Street
Camillus, NY 13031
(315) 672-3400
info@bushfuneralhome.com
<https://www.bushfuneralhome.com/>

Service

FEB 17. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *B.L. Bush & Sons Funeral Home / Monuments created a Tribute Video in memory of Ruby Adams*



B.L. Bush & Sons Funeral Home / Monuments - February 17, 2024 at 01:16 PM

JW

“ *Judith Waynai lit a candle in memory of Ruby Adams*



Judith Waynai - March 24, 2024 at 10:42 PM

JW

“ *The Adams family is in my thoughts and prayers. I'm very glad I had a phone conversation with Ruby last year to let her know I loved her and how much her artwork inspired me as a child when I visited with my parents, Fred and Charlotte Waynai. Ruby was a very sweet woman and very talented in many ways. Writing inspirational thoughts on greeting cards were very much respected throughout her years as a family member. Cousin Judy and daughters Lauren and Lindsay.*

Judith Waynai - March 24, 2024 at 10:37 PM



“ 3 files added to the album Memories Album



B.L. Bush & Sons Funeral Home / Monuments - February 17, 2024 at 08:32 PM

HJ

“ My deepest sympathy to the families I remember Ruby as this vibrant, whirling dervish who enjoyed life. She was creative, funny and a good person. She always made me feel as though I was part of the family and would cook my favourite dish, chow mein. There are so many memories however One of my fondest memories is running through New York to find material, tulle and everything you needed for her sister's wedding dress.

*Rest in Peace Ruby your memories will be forever
Hansa Joyce*

Hansa Joyce - February 17, 2024 at 01:42 AM

TO

“ Sending our deepest condolences to all of the family. I smile when think of Auntie Ruby, her smile and laugh was infectious. I am grateful for having met her through her sister Vincenta. Years ago a group of us ended up on Ruby's doorstep in the middle of the night because of a fire at a hotel we were staying at for a dance competition. Out of nowhere Ruby appeared with more blankets than one could have imagined. We were all wrapped in the love Ruby had for helping others that night. To this day I have a 'Ruby' reserve of blankets. Rest in Peace. Sending love and prayers.

Teresa xo

Teresa O'Hara - February 16, 2024 at 10:48 PM

RJ

“ My deepest condolences to Ruby’s family and everyone who knew this amazing person. I was lucky to have met Ruby. Although my time with her was limited I feel I knew her from stories her sister Vicenta shared with me. Ruby was an incredible woman and an inspiration to us all. Her presence brightened a room and her laughter touched the soul. God bless Ruby and her family. Rest in peace beautiful lady.

Rose Johnson - February 16, 2024 at 09:22 PM

AS

“ Ray and family,
I am so very sorry to hear of Ruby's passing. She was a joy to everyone who ever was in her presence. I was extremely fortunate enough to meet Ruby when she came to work at Levy Middle School. She brought a burst of new energy and sunshine . There was never a dull day. She always made you want to come to work to see what she had to offer. One day it may be flowers from her garden. It could be tropical fruits that she wanted the students to try for the first time. Sometimes she would make a special dish to share in the teacher's room.
Ruby enjoyed sharing anything and everything about her life. She loved talking about Trinidad. When we had International Day at school Ruby was in her glory. She loved to get the students involved. She could sometimes get the shyest students to dance and sing,
Ruby's family meant the world to her. She would beam from ear to ear when she shared what they were doing.
I feel so very sorry that we hadn't kept in touch . She will always have a place in my heart . She has NEVER been forgotten

Sincerely with much love,
Alice Smith

Alice Smith - February 16, 2024 at 01:56 PM



“ *My deepest condolences to all of you. Ruby was an exceptional women, a loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend. May the memories you hold dear and the stories you hear sustain you during these coming days.*

I met Ruby through her beautiful sister Vi. Ruby exuded love, joy and acceptance of everyone: you always felt good in her presence. I didn't realize when I first met Ruby that she would be my " Angel" during my darkest moments. When I was feeling so low and unsure how to move forward.. the phone would ring and it was Ruby or a letter would arrive in the most exquisitely adorned envelope (I still have them and will treasure them always). Ruby was always able to talk me through it, we had the deepest and most meaningful conversations. Not only did I get to know her on a deep level, she shared her love of her husband , sons and grandchildren with me, I felt like I knew all of you. She loved you all so deeply, and was so grateful for you.

She was truly my rock during that difficult time. I loved her sense of wonder, joy and belief that no matter how dark it may seem at the moment the light will shine again. She helped restore my faith and I am forever grateful for that.

Thank you for sharing Ruby with me, I loved her with all my heart!

Soar with the Angels my friend,

Caren

Caren Crivari - February 16, 2024 at 11:05 AM

Liz L

“ Sending love and prayers, Ruby or as we called her Auntie Ruby was a per joy to be around. She was always smiling and I remember she always smelled so pretty. She was bold in her colours and her dress and she never forgot her roots. She was at my dad’s once for a BBQ around her birthday and the card she sent my dad thanking them for the cake was beyond beautiful. I will miss Auntie Ruby and the way she would say hi Liz sweetie!!! May she be at rest with her sting faith and cooking and dancing with Jesus. To all the angles in heaven hang on to your wings you are about to be wowed by a very special lady . Fly high Auntie Ruby we love you

Liz L - February 16, 2024 at 11:04 AM

MF

“ Much love, The Shannon Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ruby Adams.

Much love, The Shannon Family - February 16, 2024 at 11:03 AM

MF

“ Much love, The Shannon Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Ruby Adams.



Much love, The Shannon Family - February 16, 2024 at 11:03 AM

KT

“ God gives us people to love and be loved by! Ruby had an ever increasing heart of love! Her smile, her sense of humor, her commitment to love were wonderful gives to those who met her and more so to those who were blessed by her friendship. Ray, thank you for your example of loving commitment! Love to Mark, Mike and Matt! ❤️🙏

Ken & Dianne Turner - February 16, 2024 at 09:10 AM

KD

“ Ken and Dianne purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Ruby Adams.



Ken and Dianne - February 16, 2024 at 08:56 AM

MG

“ So very sorry for your loss. When our family met V, Edi and the children in 1996, little did we know what a lifelong friendship it would be. Our children have grown up with auntie Ruby in their lives. Her visits were epic. Her personality larger than life and her Monkey bread delicious. When V and I visited New York for a weekend, we stayed with Michael in his studio apartment and had the best time ever! We toured all day, went to a Broadway show and when we got home, Ruby had dinner ready for us. Rock Cornish hens baked to perfection with all the trimmings. I was a mother with 3 small children on the cusp
Of returning to work. She realized how tired we were and ran a nice bubble bath for me before bed. I will never forget this. Ever. What a wonderful person and such a lovely family. Michael gave up his bed for me that night. Our family is truly blessed to have met the Sartors and through them Ruby and her family. God bless. Rest in Peace Mary and Bill Gibson and family.

Mary Gibson - February 15, 2024 at 08:22 PM

PM

“ From: Paul McClemens planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ruby Adams.

Paul McClemens - February 15, 2024 at 04:15 PM

PM

“ Paul McClemens purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Ruby Adams.



Paul McClemens - February 15, 2024 at 04:15 PM

JS

“ Ray, Mark, Mike, and Matt and all your families, we send our love and prayers as you experience the loss of dear Ruby. She was the best of all her roles in life and so great at making everyone her friend! We will keep her in our hearts as I’m sure you will! God bless and comfort you all with peace and strength. Love and hugs from Don and me! (Jessie)

Jessie Snyder - February 15, 2024 at 12:22 PM

LS

“ Love, Shannon, Seth & Sky planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ruby Adams.

Love, Shannon, Seth & Sky - February 15, 2024 at 11:48 AM

LS

“ Love, Shannon, Seth & Sky purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Ruby Adams.



Love, Shannon, Seth & Sky - February 15, 2024 at 11:48 AM

TD

“ The Li Family (Sinclair & Dalton) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ruby Adams.

The Li Family (Sinclair & Dalton) - February 15, 2024 at 11:25 AM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Ruby Adams.*



February 15, 2024 at 11:25 AM



“ *Our heartfelt condolences go out to Ray and the whole Adams family .
We have known Ruby,Ray,and family for more than 40years. So many fond memories of Ruby. She was such a loving individual and just a ray of sunshine spreading so much joy and happiness to everyone she had contact with. She would stop by our home frequently and bring fresh cut flowers and homemade goodies, along with handwritten notes for our mom. God bless you Ray during this difficult time. Rest in Peace dear Ruby 🙏.
Much Love, The Dekleermaeker Family*

Peter D - February 14, 2024 at 06:33 PM



“ *Ray, may the remembrances of this wonderful lady bring you grateful tears - such a deep and faithful love as you shared is a precious gift. May you be blessed with God's comforting peace...
Rev. Suzi*

Suzi Harriff - February 13, 2024 at 10:14 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Ruby Adams.



February 13, 2024 at 11:05 AM



“ Dearest Ray, Mark, Mathew, Michael, Vicente, Steve, Roy and their families, numerous friends and families, please accept our heartfelt condolences, prayers and love ❤️ on the passing of beautiful, lovable Ruby. Rest In Peace dearest Ruby. You were certainly loved and will be missed.
Love, Zan, Arnie, Randy & Lisa, Wendy & Derick and the rest of our family.

Zan&Arnie Liebowitz - February 13, 2024 at 12:52 AM



A donation was made to the Rescue Mission Alliance of Syracuse by Zan & Arnie Liebowitz & Family.

Zan - February 13, 2024 at 12:59 AM



“ Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Ruby Adams.



February 12, 2024 at 10:18 PM

CS

“ Dear Ray & family, So sorry to hear of Ruby’s passing. There’s so many wonderful memories we all had in our Bible study group with Ruby, she was such a blessing to us. George would always call her “Ruby Begonia” & she would laugh, Ruby was special & so gifted.
Carol Sorrendino

Carol Sorrendino - February 12, 2024 at 06:56 PM

CH

“ Ray & family,
I am so sorry to hear of Ruby's passing. She was truly a beautiful person and will be missed by many. I have so many fond memories of our years working together at H.W. Smith. My condolences to you and the boys.
Carolyn Hubbard

Carolyn Hubbard - February 12, 2024 at 01:55 PM

YA

“ Thoughts and Prayers for Mike (her son) and his family. The Lowes Team and I are here for you. -Yanira

Yanira - February 12, 2024 at 10:36 AM

LD

“ Lara D. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ruby Adams.

Lara D. - February 11, 2024 at 04:51 PM

KW

“ *Ray and Family,
We are so very sorry to hear of Ruby’s passing. Having known her for almost 40 years, starting at H.W.Smith school as teaching assistants. We made many wonderful memories together, in and outside of school. She will always hold a special place in our hearts.
Bill and Kim Warner.*

kim warner - February 11, 2024 at 10:43 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ruby Adams.*



February 11, 2024 at 10:34 AM

PS

“ *Dear Roy and family, So very sorry to her of Ruby's death. I remember with joy all of the sewing that we did together. She was so creative and a special friend. She will be missed. Pat Stempel*

Patricia Louise Stempel - February 10, 2024 at 10:30 PM

WA

*Our deepest condolences on the passing of Ruby Adams.
The memory of her dances filled with joy of life at Simone’s and Matt’s wedding is a testament to the special moments she brought to those close.
Wishing you and your family comfort during this difficult time.
Wally and Josef*

Wally and Josef from Austria - February 11, 2024 at 03:33 AM

TF

“ *The Sartor Family. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ruby Adams.*

The Sartor Family. - February 10, 2024 at 01:14 PM

TF

“ *The Sartor Family. purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Ruby Adams.*



The Sartor Family. - February 10, 2024 at 01:14 PM