



## Ruth "Ruthie" G. Loomis

May 13, 1965 - June 11, 2024

Ruth Gordon Loomis (nee Whiting), 59, passed away on June 11, 2024 after a long battle with MS. She was the daughter of Clara and Henry Whiting Jr. and grew up in Bloomfield Hills with her three siblings, Gordon, Henry III (Karen Hagenlocker) and her late sister Mary (Alex Veguilla).

Energetic and athletic, Ruth loved sports. Bicycling up the coast of Nova Scotia, crewing a sailboat on the Atlantic, tennis and field hockey, but the thing she loved most were the family skiing trips out west.

"Ruthie", to her friends and family, had an abundance of energy and creativity. She loved animals and her art. She made collages that reflected her unique vision of what was important to her in life.

She had a warm spirit, always quick to help those in need and a persistent champion to the underdogs.

In 1996, she gave birth to her pride and joy, Samantha. Ruthie was fond of saying: "I may have made a lot of mistakes in my life, but Sami made up for all of them."

In 1999, she met John Loomis when they worked at Zingerman's Delicatessen in Ann Arbor. They were married in 2002.

If there was a story that defined Ruthie, it was the story of Ruth and John's first date. Ruth wanted to cook dinner for John. Mostly she wanted to show off Sami. Ruth loved candles. An hour before John showed up, Ruth's cat, George, walked across the kitchen table and his tail caught on fire from the candle. His tail lit Sami's artwork on the wall on fire and they burned. Ruth had

gotten the fire out and insisted on continuing with the date. It's safe to say, the rest of the date did not go as Ruth had envisioned, but as they were eating dinner, Ruth was feeding Sami her macaroni and cheese, and they were both laughing and giggling. Despite hosting what might have been the worst first date in the history of mankind, Ruthie still found joy and laughter. Because her family and friends are spread out across the globe, a celebration of Ruthie's life will be held later this year.

# Tribute Wall



“ Henry, Karen and Family. So sorry to hear of the passing of Ruth. Our sympathies. Sonia and Tom Pastore and Family

Sonia Pastore - February 15, 2025 at 07:37 AM



“ When I started at ZIngermans 20 + years ago, Ruthie was the one who offered me kindness, support, knowledge and humor. She was so creative, setting the bar high for our work. The lessons I learned and the laughs are still with me all these years later. My heart goes out to you, John, Sami and Ruthie's family. (Nancy E.)

Nancy Eubanks - June 19, 2024 at 10:49 AM



“ With love from the Haywards purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Ruth "Ruthie" G. Loomis.



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“ With love from the Haywards planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ruth "Ruthie" G. Loomis.

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**Stephen Robison** - June 18, 2024 at 06:20 PM