



## Ruby Thome

October 4, 1932 - December 29, 2023

Ruby Ann Snyder Thome, age 91 passed away peacefully on 12/29 after suffering a debilitating stroke a few days earlier. Walter J. Thome, her husband of 64 years, preceded her in death, in 2019.

Ruby enjoyed living independently at Freedom Village for the past 30 years. Ruby shared her kindness and positive attitude with everyone she met. She was an obstetrics nurse for over 35 years and enjoyed taking care of the mothers and their babies in the first few days of life. Her hobbies and cherished activities were crocheting afghans, working word puzzles, watching the birds, and watching the children playing sports on the fields across the street, listening to music, attending vespers and bible study and most of all, spreading kindness to everyone she met. She loved lunch with her girlfriends and visiting with her fellow residents of Freedom Village as she took her daily walks. She was an active member of Third Reformed Church of Holland, after being a member of Southfield United Presbyterian Church for several decades prior to moving to Freedom Village. Her unflinching positive attitude and goodness will be dearly missed by all of her family and friends.

Ruby is survived by her four children: Martha Humphrey (Richard), Gloria Despard, Sandra Lyon (the late Kenneth Lyon), Andrew Thome (Julie); 5 grandchildren, Benjamin Despard, Dr. Andrew Thome Jr (Dr. Jennifer Kane), Katherine (Nelson) Grumney, Liesl Bauer (Andrew Bauer) and Harrison

Thome; 3 great grandchildren; Elizabeth Grumney, Charlie Grumney and George Grumney, as well as many nieces and nephews.

Ruby was born in Bicknell, IN on a farm, and was preceded in death by her father Paul H. Snyder, mother Louise Volle Snyder, brothers Donald Snyder and Gerald Snyder, sisters Mary Croney and Doris Marshall.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, April 20th at 10:00 a.m., in the auditorium at Freedom Village, 145 Columbia Ave. Holland with Reverend James Neevel officiating. Interment took place in Oakview Cemetery, Royal Oak, MI. Memorial contributions may be made to Resilience: Advocates for Ending Violence (formerly Center for Women in Transition) of Holland, MI (<https://givebutter.com/MIResilience>) where Ruby volunteered. To leave a condolence, or for more information, please visit [www.langelandsterenberg.com](http://www.langelandsterenberg.com)

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

APR **20**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Freedom Village Auditorium  
145 Columbia Ave.  
Holland, MI 49423

# Tribute Wall

AS

“ Met Ruby while volunteering at the Center for Women in Transition. We both worked Monday morning, and Ruby would come in with a smile on her face, and say "I have a joke for you". I loved working with Ruby, and we became very good friends. I will miss her greatly.  
Anne Slendebroek

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**Anne Slendebroek** - April 22, 2024 at 02:03 PM

SL

Thank you for your kind words, Anne. Mom enjoyed her time at WIT.

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**Sandy Lyon** - April 22, 2024 at 04:17 PM

GT

“ My family and I fondly remember the detailed cards, letters and photo's we would get from Aunt Ruby at the holidays. She was kind with a gentle humor. We pray as the family gathers for her memorial that it be uplifting and supportive for all.  
- Geoff, AnneMarie and Tim Thome

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**Geoff Thome** - April 19, 2024 at 03:43 PM

SL

Thank you, Geoff, AnneMarie and Timothy. You all were in our thoughts too.

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**Sandy Lyon** - April 22, 2024 at 11:17 AM

ML

“ Marsh McLennan Agency St. Louis planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ruby Thome.

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**Marsh McLennan Agency St. Louis** - April 15, 2024 at 10:29 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ruby Thome.



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“ Love, The Salmons planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ruby Thome.

Love, The Salmons - April 12, 2024 at 10:28 PM



“ Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Ruby Thome.



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“ Ruby was a kind and loving friend to my father, Allen Berger, when he lived at Freedom Village. She and her husband, Walter, spent much time with my Dad, and he very much appreciated their friendship. Ruby was a friend to all and was always smiling. She spent much time supporting Women in Transition. I have a lovely picture of her and Walter surrounded by my Dad's orchids that I hope to be able to share with the family.

Susan L. Vanderbilt - January 06, 2024 at 03:33 PM

SL

*Thank you for your kind words, Susan. I fondly remember your father, Dr. Allen!*

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**Sandy Lyon** - January 12, 2024 at 08:39 AM

JL

“ *Lifting your family up in prayer.*



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**Julie Lantz** - January 04, 2024 at 08:58 AM

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“ *My thoughts and prayers are with all of the Family. May the memories fill your minds as the love overflows in your hearts.*

*Martha Menner*

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**Martha Menner** - January 03, 2024 at 12:15 PM