



Ellen Lariviere

January 29, 2024

Ellen Marie Lariviere (nee Ryan) passed away peacefully at home on Monday, January 29, 2024 at the age of 96. Ellen was born on May 1, 1927 in Cambridge, Massachusetts to the late Lawrence and Alice Ryan. She was one of four children and spent her formative years in Carneys Point, New Jersey. She attended college in Boston, Massachusetts and then moved to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania after graduating. Ellen was an entrepreneur that owned multiple businesses and later bought and renovated several rental properties in Philadelphia, mainly in the Queen's Village area.

Ellen is survived by her brother Philip Ryan (Letita) and sister-in-law Barbara Ryan and many nieces and nephews and grand nieces and nephews. Ellen is preceded in death by her brothers Lawrence (Carolyn) and Joseph.

Ellen will be buried in Gloria Dei Cemetery (Old Swedes), 916 South Swanson Street, Philadelphia, PA 19147. Services are private.

Arrangements were entrusted to the care of Rachubinski Funeral Homes, 781 South Front Street, Philadelphia, PA 19147.

Tribute Wall

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“ I am very sorry to hear of Ellen’s passing. Though I was not in contact with her in recent years, I remember her very clearly from the 1970’s and 1980’s when she played a crucial role in keeping Queen Village a desirable, diverse neighborhood, free from overwhelming numbers of apartments, highways and liquor licenses. She worked very hard to get the Crier published, was always a good source of important information, always joined whatever needed to be done, was cooperative, and also had very good practical advice about what to do and how to do it. I always knew that when she said something she had the best interest of the neighborhood in mind. She was truly devoted to serving the neighborhood. Conrad Weiler

Conrad Weiler - May 29, 2024 at 08:32 PM

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“ To Ellen’s brother and niece, Ellen was one of our dearest friends. She was a neighbor on Front Street and she was totally responsible for getting my husband Alex and I involved in the Queen Village Neighbors Association. I have written a piece for our local community newsletter *The Crier*, that Ellen published in her print shop at 2nd & Bainbridge. The article will not be published until May or June. Ellen was a true “Icon” in Queen Village. When she moved to 2nd & Bainbridge we kept in touch regularly. I would call and send cards and last year she recommended a new Doctor for my husband at Will’s Eye Hospital. She was a fountain of information for all of us. We used to laugh because many members of my family and friends are buried at Old Swede’s and Ellen and I would laugh and say we will all continue to be close neighbors forever. Alex and I pray for Ellen, especially for the loss of our dear friend and her beloved family. We hope you understand how dearly she was loved here in Queen Village.

Marge (& Alex) Schernecke - April 10, 2024 at 05:00 PM