



## Ruith Ann Harris

April 11, 1935 - February 21, 2026

### Mrs. Ruth Ann Harris Obituary

It is with sadness and remembrance that we announce the death of Ruth Ann Harris, age 90, who died peacefully with family by her side at daybreak February 21, 2026 in hospital after a brief illness .

Ruth Ann was born to Martha Elizabeth and Percy Lloyd Morse in Berwick, Nova Scotia, on April 11, 1935. She was the youngest of a large Annapolis Valley farm family and from an early age exhibited a great talent for music, pursuing vocal and piano studies at Acadia University, receiving a Bachelor of Music degree (1956), then continuing her training at the Opera School at the University of Toronto and subsequently at the Guildhall School of Music in London.

Widowed at a young age, family remained of utmost importance to her, raising five children while continuing to pursue vocal performance and teaching in Ontario and Nova Scotia.

Prior to the onset of dementia in recent years, she continued to share music with other seniors at her church and the local nursing home, bringing smiles and laughter to those who enjoyed her music.

She is survived by children Jonathan (Krista), Wally (Laura), Susan (Sergiu),

Thomas and stepdaughter Earlene Doucette (Neil).

Loving grandmother to Samuel, Graham, Simon, Lily, Gregory, Ann, Ian, Candice, Melinda, Tristan, Ona, David, Kate and Alex.

In addition, she is survived by her brother Harold and by many adoring nephews, nieces and lifelong friends.

Preceded in death by husbands David Archibald (1922 -1975) and Emery Harris (1929 -2013), as well as her son Stuart (Janice) and stepson David.

Thank you to the compassionate, caring staff at the Palliative Care Unit, 7A, of Victoria General Hospital during her final days, including Music Therapist, Alexandra Moir, who played and sang at her bedside with her children present during her last sunset. Also thanks to Carrie Dauphinée and the caring staff at Rest Easy Assisted Living in Windsor, Nova Scotia, who gave Mom a loving, bright and supportive residence in her final months.

Donations in Ruth Ann's memory can be made to the Alzheimer's Society of Nova Scotia, <https://alzheimer.ca/ns/en> or to the QEII Foundation, Palliative Care Unit, in support of the Music Therapy Program, <https://www.qe2foundation.ca/>

Funeral arrangements will be made for a future date in the Spring of 2026, in Berwick, Nova Scotia.