



Ruth Kowal

September 20, 2025

Ruth Kowal, age 81, passed away peacefully at her home in Vernon Hills, Illinois, on September 20, 2025. She lived a life filled with adventure, kindness, and devotion to her family.

As a flight attendant for Southwest Airlines, Ruth traveled the world with joy and curiosity, forming lasting connections wherever she went. Her stories, laughter, and unwavering love will be remembered by all who knew her.

She is survived by her daughters, Anita (Dave) Galatte and Renee Strasser; her grandchildren, Tara (John) Meo, Jenna Strasser, and Kyle (Hailey) Strasser; and her great-granddaughter, Grace Meo. Ruth was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph and Charlotte Kowal, and her brother, Robert Kowal.

In lieu of flowers, the family invites you to honor Ruth's memory through donations to The Morton Arboretum through their Tribute Gifts page: Tribute Gifts.

Arrangements by Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. For info: 847-362-3009 or share a memory at www.burnettdane.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Larry Trzepacz purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ruth Kowal.*



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“ *Larry Trzepacz planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ruth Kowal.*

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