



REMEMBERING RUTH LAWRENCE

Our lifelong friend, Ruth Lawrence, passed away on 19 September 2025. Her nieces Fiona and Danielle write this special tribute to their beloved Aunty Ruth.

Hi everyone, for those of you who don't already know us, we are Ruth's nieces — Fiona and Danielle. JDA was very special to Ruth — it was her second home. The friendships she made and the love and support she shared with so many meant the world to her.

In her ninety years, Ruth lived with spirit, determination and plenty of chutzpah.

In the JDA community, her wonderful friends weren't just friends — they were family. They were raised together, shared adventures, celebrated milestones and grew old side by side. That circle of love and friendship was at the heart of Ruth's life.

Family was just as important to her. She adored her parents, Pauline and Harry, and her brother (our father) Eric. And we, her nieces, were always close to Aunty Ruth, she was always so loving, and always proud of us.

Maurice was the love of her life. They were true partners in every way. And many people may not know this, but Ruth and Maurice were doubles badminton champions! There was a cupboard at their house in Kenton, full of trophies. Ruth wasn't just talented with a needle and thread as a milliner and dressmaker — she could also smash a shuttlecock across a court like a pro.

Ruth was spirited, strong-willed and wonderfully cheeky. She never did anything she didn't want to do. She lived on her own terms, with her wicked wit and her unmistakable charm.

In recent years, Ruth needed a lot of care, and we want to end by thanking the team of carers who looked after her with such patience and dedication. They became part of her extended family too — a wonderful army of kind souls who were very special indeed.

There will never be enough words to thank Sue, Janet, Janine, Brinthan and everyone at JDA for how they supported Ruth, and in turn us, for so many years. And everyone at Tonic, Remark and Care Hands who cared for Ruth with such commitment and gentleness — we will always be grateful to you.

When we think of Ruth, we'll remember her laughter, her friendships, her fierce independence, her cheeky smile, and the great cuddles she always gave. She leaves us with memories that are as vibrant and as spirited as she was, and we will always be so proud of her.

May her memory be a blessing.



The gang Anne Senchal, David Hirshman, Ann Hart and Ruth Lawrence



Ruth surrounded by the love of Nazia, Gosia, Anna and Janet



Ruth with her good friend Ann Hart at a JDA tea party



Ruth with her husband Maurice.



Ruth with Martin Binysh



Ruth and her family