



## Ruthie Lee Toma

July 2, 1937 - December 2, 2024

Ruthie Lee Toma, 87, of Oswego, passed away Monday, December 02, 2024 at Rush-Copley Medical Center.

She was born July 02, 1937 in Aurora, IL where she grew up and raised her six children.

Ruthie was beyond generous and always made sure her family and friends came first. She was a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and a beautiful soul who would help anyone. Her laugh and smile were contagiously infectious and her blue eyes lit up every room she walked into. She enjoyed traveling and gardening, and especially loved spending time with her family and friends. She lived life to the fullest and never took anything for granted. She was a warrior.

Ruthie will be truly missed by everyone who knew her.

She is survived by her children, Steven Hilgen, Todd Hilgen (Myrtle), Monique Hilgen-Guyton (Ray), Brent Hilgen (Sherrie), Brian "Cubby" Hilgen, and Joel Hilgen (Steve Beck); 14 grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband Jerry D. Toma; parents Frieda (Runge) and Clifford Smith; her brother Clifford Smith; and her sister Patricia

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As Ruthie would have wanted it, there will be a Celebration of Life Party for her on Saturday, June 28, 2025 from 2:00pm until 5:00pm at her son, Brian's home, 960 State Route 25, Oswego, IL 60543.

# Cemetery Details

**Private**

# Previous Events


## Celebration of Life

JUN **28**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Brian Hilgen  
960 State Route 25  
Oswego, IL 60543

# Tribute Wall

**KM** “ Kevin Mathieu purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Ruthie Lee Toma.



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**Kevin Mathieu** - June 26, 2025 at 10:35 PM

**KM** “ Kevin Mathieu planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ruthie Lee Toma.

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**VM** “ Vicky M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ruthie Lee Toma.

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**Vicky M.** - June 26, 2025 at 06:56 PM

**MC** “ Mignon Coughlin purchased the *Arrive in Style* for the family of Ruthie Lee Toma.



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**Mignon Coughlin** - June 15, 2025 at 06:53 PM

**MC** “ Mignon Coughlin planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ruthie Lee Toma.

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**Mignon Coughlin** - June 15, 2025 at 06:53 PM



“ A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ruthie Lee Toma.

June 10, 2025 at 09:40 PM



“ My heart goes out to Ruthie’s family. She was a joy to have as a friend, and always loved bragging on you. She loved you so much, and I witnessed the love and care many of you showed her.

**Sally Bice** - May 19, 2025 at 06:49 AM



“ I am so saddened by the loss of Ruthie. We were in swim class together for quite awhile. She was such a vibrant joy to know. She loved that our last names were similar and our initials were the same — RLT. What a wonderful person she was and I was honored to know her. May she rest in peace in Gods arms. Rita L. Tuma

**Rita Tuma** - December 15, 2024 at 11:04 PM



“ Ruthie and I worked at FairLanes Valley Bowl many years together. We had a lot of fun during those times. She was always willing to help out in any area we needed. Ruthie was a lot of fun to work with. She will be missed by all who knew her.

**Janet Bans** - December 12, 2024 at 11:29 PM