



## Ruth G. Cornish

April 24, 1921 - February 23, 2011

Ruth G. Cornish, 89, of Syracuse, New York and formerly of Great Kills, Staten Island, New York, died peacefully with her daughters at her side on Wednesday, February 23, 2011 at Syracuse Home Association in Baldwinsville, New York. Born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Ruth was the daughter of Matthew and Martha Emelia (Lang) Gracie. She was a graduate of Drexel Business College. Ruth was an extremely talented seamstress and studied with a designer in New York City. She was a Girl Scout Leader for most of her life and a member of Lutheran Church Women. Ruth and her husband, Rev. Henry J. Cornish, traveled throughout the world and she made life-long friends wherever she went. She will be remembered for her generosity of spirit and her strong will to live and she will be missed by all who loved her.

Ruth was predeceased by her husband, Rev. Henry Joseph Cornish; her parents; sister, Marie Elste and brothers, John and Robert Gracie. Surviving are her two daughters, Candace (Stanley) Aldrich and Jennifer (Gabriel) Genovese; two granddaughters, Sarah (John) Lents and Eliza Aldrich; two nephews, Robert and Kevin Gracie. A Memorial Service to honor her life will be held Saturday, March 5, 2011, 2:00 p.m. at Atonement Lutheran Church, 116 W. Glen Avenue, Syracuse, New York 13205. Private burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, 800 Grant Boulevard, Syracuse, New York.

Contributions may be made to the Cornish Education Fund of Christ Lutheran Church, 121 Cleveland Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10308 or to Atonement

Lutheran Church, 116 W. Glen Avenue, Syracuse, NY 13205. Special thanks to Dr. William Dibble, Dr. Jack Hsu and to the exceptionally wonderful, caring staff at Syracuse Home Association.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ruth G. Cornish*



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**Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home** - February 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Jennifer and Candy: We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Jennifer, I have wonderful memories of you and I years ago at christ lutheran church. Especially christmas eve services. Your mothers love and strength will always be with you. Pat Thompson and Terry Thompson*

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March 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Ruth was an amazing woman who touched the lives of so many including my family. I will cherish my memories of her and hold them forever close to my heart. She will forever be missed and loved. My thoughts and prayers are with her daughters and their families.*

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March 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Jennifer and Family, So very sorry to hear of the loss of your mom. I will remember her fondly. She was so very kind. I have lovely angel shell ornaments from Williamburg that your mom would send to me yearly. They hang proudly on our Christmas tree and will now be a remembrance of her. God Bless, Kristen Laforte-Spoon and Family

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March 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ We always took such great pleasure in being with Ruth. She shared her thoughts, wisdom and love with us. I am so grateful she crossed my path. A great, grand lady always full of positive advice. She made an impact. Be at peace Ruth...

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February 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ I did not have the pleasure of knowing Ruth in life, but I'm blessed to know her daughter, Jennifer Genovese, who is the strongest, kindest woman I know. Ruth may have left this earth but thankfully she left behind the best part of her....in Jennifer. God Bless! Your friends, Steve & Mary Bergstraesser

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February 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Ruth touched many lives, she was such a spunky lady, with a twinkle in her eye. Her girls where her crown jewels, and their love and care is unmeasurable You fought the fight, now it's time to rest

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February 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ God Bless you , Ruth Cornish. I will always remember your kindness and thoughtfulness to me as I grew up at Christ Lutheran Church. My condolences to Candy and Jennifer and the rest of your family. Rest in Peace. Ruth Herold

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February 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ I loved my visits with Mrs. Cornish and I'm honored that I got to hear about her amazing life. Her strong personality makes me smile even now. I will miss her.

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February 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ I spent much of my teen life in the Cornish Parsonage. Ruth Cornish was a great cook, a great Mom, and sharp as a whip. I always felt warm, safe and very loved in her home. She and her family made a huge and positive difference in my life.

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February 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Jennifer and Gabe: I'm holding you in my thoughts today. I met your Mom a few times, Jennifer, and was touched by her warmth and open face, smile, presence. May this time of letting go and remembering be peaceful, in some way, for you and your family....  
Karen

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February 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ For some strange reason, I can't look at Ruth's picture and I don't know why. Perhaps I can't face the fact that a human person of this sort is gone. For good! She was an immensely proud woman with a solid, healthy, inviolable self. In this singular capacity, she seemed to become an invincible warrior who for years on end, regardless of the insults to her body, raged against the dying of the light in all its forms and manifestations. The problem is, she was a lion in winter and in this nastiest season, even the fiercest lion succumbs. So much the worse for the rest of us, who at our best, are lesser lions in gentler seasons of the earth.

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February 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Ruth will be sorely missed by the Anderson, Stinemire and Rokicki families. She was like a second Mother to me. I could confide in her about things I couldn't speak to me own Mother about. I will always love and miss her. She will always be in my heart.

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February 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Jennifer-May you find comfort in knowing you were a special part of a well-lived life. I hope you and your family know that memories are the legacy of love. Sorrow is a fleeting moment, but love is infinite. Those we hold most dear never truly leave us...they live on in the kindnesses they shared and the love they brought into our lives. I hold you safe in my heart at this time. May it comfort you to know that all of the Kronenbergs share your family's sorrow...and care. Love, Martha

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February 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Jennifer, Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Faith, Joe, and Eli

February 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ May your memories bring you comfort in this difficult time.

February 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Your Mother was a lovely lady. I am a volunteer at the home. I did her nails often and took her to therapy and talked a lot with her. I will miss her. May she rest in peace. Marilyn King

February 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ My heartfelt sympathy to the family of Ruth. May you remember the many good times that were shared.

February 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Ruth was a very special lady. I feel blessed to have the pleasure of knowing her. She certainly was a Grand lady. I feel so blessed to have had the privilege to know her. My sincere sympathy to the family.

February 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Ruth shall live on in the light and love of her daughter's lives. I pray the Lord shall grant strength, comfort and peace through the memories of her presence among all who love her.* ”

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February 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM