

INA BLOCK



It is with profound sorrow that we announce the passing of our beautiful, beloved mother, Ina Block, after a brief illness.

Ina leaves behind a family legacy of her three children, daughter, Wendy Liepman and her husband, Bob Liepman (of California); son, Gregg Silberman (of Pittsburgh, PA); daughter, Jill Newman and her husband, Alex (of New Zealand).

Ina was a loving grandmother to eight grandchildren, Robin and Nicholas Liepman; Kylie, Thomas, and Foster Newman; Morgan, Alivia and Harper Silberman.

She loved her late sister, Joyce Eppler, and her husband, Klaus, and her nieces, Karen and Amy and their children.

Ina was married to her late husband of 28 years, Donald Riefner, whom she loved dearly. She is survived by Don's children, Donald Jr, (Debbie), Robert (Marian), William (Laura); and nine grandchildren. She loved Don Jr. and his family as her own.

Ina was a passionate actor who enriched the lives of the Little Lake Theater community. She performed in over 65 plays on the Little Lake stage, beginning in 1968, through December of 2024.

She earned her Master's Degree at The University of Pittsburgh, and worked as a Speech Pathologist for many years.

Three years ago, Ina sold her home of over 50 years to Johanna Salinas and her husband, Homer. Ina became close to their family and became their "Pittsburgh Grandma."

She also is remembered by her wonderful Chartiers Bend Retirement community, who became her extended family.

She was grateful to her friends, Myra and Veronica, who took care of her adored cat, Candi, while she was ill.

Our hearts are broken but we are grateful for her love and generosity of spirit.

"A drop of water in the ocean,
life will take its natural course,
A drop of water in the ocean,
will find its way back to the source."


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