



## Ruth Schudson (nee Shechtman)

August 23, 1926 - December 19, 2024

Died peacefully at age 98. Preceded in death by her husband Armand and brother Joe. Survived by son David (Laurie) and grandchild Deya. Also survived by daughter Nia (Jeff) and sister-in-law Mona. Enjoyed decade's long love and support of many nieces and nephews, and close friends, some of whom visited weekly.

Following a childhood dream of an becoming an actress, it was, through hard work and dedication realized in a long career starting with Goodman Theater School in Chicago, earning undergraduate and graduate degrees which led to a lengthy career as an actress including summer stock in Illinois, California and Oregon and returning home to Milwaukee to be a regular player with the Milwaukee Repertory Theater, Next Act Theatre, Windfall Theatre, The Robert G. Pitman Theatre at Alverno College, summer work at The Melody Top, etc. In the 1970s, with best friend Monty Davis, she started a new company: The Milwaukee Chamber Theatre, originally with just 2 people (Ruth & Monty) but eventually growing to a full-sized company. Ongoing work with voiceovers and industrial commercials rounded out the career, as well as teaching theater at Alverno College and UW-Milwaukee.

Out of town work included: The Madison Repertory Theatre, The McCarter Theater in Princeton, NJ, and summer work in Door County.

Expanded into films: The Hindenburg, Surfacing, and Baraboo enhancing the stage career.

The family would like to express thanks and deep appreciation to the staff at the assisted living unit of The Milwaukee Catholic Home for their extensive care, compassion and dedication.

According to Ruth's wishes, there will be no service.

In lieu of flowers/plants, please consider donations to The Milwaukee Chamber Theatre, Next Act Theatre, Windfall Theatre, or to the Milwaukee Jewish Federation.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ruth was a vibrant light, especially in the Milwaukee theatre scene. I loved getting to know her over my past few years working for Milwaukee Chamber Theatre. She will be greatly missed and we hope to continue to honor her legacy and vision.* ”

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**Josie Trettin** - December 26, 2024 at 12:34 PM