

RUTH FEIGNBAUM

Memory Booklet





Hi, my name is Ruth Feignbaum. I was born in Neuwedell, Germany, which is now Drawno, Poland, on May 30, 1935.

As a child, I had a make believe sister who I would blame whenever I was in trouble with my mother.

Is there one person who influenced your life the most?

My father and my mom. My mom was tough, [because] she had to be.

If you can tell them one thing right now, what would you tell them?

I am very proud of them and love them.

What was a defining moment in your life?

My parents and I discussed my choices and I knew they trusted my choices.

What was your dream job when you were younger?

I always wanted to be a nurse but I did not speak english.



(Left) Ruth as a child; (Right) Ruth with her father as a child.

One of my favorite memories from my youth is seeing the Maxwell Coffee sign in the New York City harbor while sailing into my home, the United State of America, from my home country, Germany.

What do you consider the happiest moment of your life?

Arriving in New York Harbor.

What was so special about it?

I was safe.

How did this moment impact your life?

I made it.



In March 1958, I was blessed to be able to marry my husband Fred in New York. One of my favorite things about Fred is that he is my best friend.

How did your proudest moment change your life and how you lived?

My marriage - my husband and I were friends and married for 60 years.



I had two beautiful children, Janet and Lynn.

Describe the proudest moment you have had of your children.

That they honor their parents and are fair to all others.



Throughout my life, I was a travel agent and a translator until we retired in South Florida.

What was your greatest professional accomplishment?

Owning my own agency and being in the travel industry.

What was your favorite job and why?

The travel agency. It was all mine.

I have travelled all over the world, including Scandinavia, Israel, Paris, England, Spain, Italy, Africa, and China.

What was your favorite travel destination?

Italy.

Is there a place you wish you can visit?

Australia. My husband and I wanted to visit Australia.

My proudest moment in my life was escaping Nazi Germany and finding freedom in the United States.

What is something important that you want to share?

Be kind, be positive, and help when you can.

What advice would you give young people now?

Stay strong of mind.

Working Gal

1962

Daughter Lyn is born in Mount Sinai Hospital in Miami, Florida. Ruth's girls, Janet and Lyn, are shadows of their parents. Janet is described to be very much like her father, while Lyn, is described to be very much like her mother.



March 1958

Ruth marries her husband, Fred, in a March New York wedding. They had met in Miami Beach, FL. Marrying Fred is the greatest moment of Ruth's life. They were married for 60 years and he was her best friend.

Most Memorable Moment

As Ruth enters the harbor in New York City for the first time, she sees the huge Maxwell House Coffee sign. To this day, she considers that one of the most memorable moments in her life.

Ruth worked for American Express as a Travel Manager and then for Northeast Airline as a German Translator.

1960

Daughter Janet is born in Mount Sinai Hospital in Miami, Florida shortly after their move to Miami.



1950's

Once home in New York, one of Ruth's favorite activities is spending time at the park in Manhattan.

1949

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1942

The year Ruth's favorite movie, *Casablanca*, came out, though she did not watch it until she came to the USA later.

Imaginary Sister

As a child, Ruth had a make believe sister who she would blame if she ever got in trouble with her mother.

Childhood During WWII

Sadly, Ruth's childhood wasn't the most serene. Ruth tells us of her childhood moving from place to place seeking safety, avoiding air raids, Nazi officers, and living in hiding in Germany during World War II in a Jewish family.

1935

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