



## Ursula Waldtraut Knust

May 16, 2025

Ursula Waldtraut Knust, age 84, passed away peacefully on May 16, 2025, at Rhode Island Hospital. Born on June 10, 1940, in Bremervörde, Germany, she was the beloved daughter of Ernst Friedrich Berlin and Waldtraut Henriette Ernestine Christiane Berlin (née Lütthans).

Ursula was a proud graduate of high school and the Sawyer School. Known for her remarkable talent in crocheting, her adventurous spirit took her all over the world. She had a unique gift for making friends wherever she went and a heart always ready to help anyone in need. Ursula also devoted time to her local community by joyfully serving lunch at the Bristol Senior Center.

She was a devoted mother to her three daughters, Sandra Wakefield (husband Ricky), Debra Kits van Heyningen (partner Mark Papi) and Vandra Haywood (husband Rick Haywood)

Her legacy lives on through her cherished grandchildren, Tara Brown (Korey), Kristin Stanley Alley (Shawn), Kyle Stanley (Michaela), Michael Faria (Shannon), Matthew Faria and Mitchell (Kerry); And her treasured great-grandchildren: Tahira, Isabel, Kyle, Brady, Kieran, Kaiden, Liam, Robert, Harrison, and Hudson.

Ursula is also survived by her siblings Ute Maibaum and Heidi Cox, and was

predeceased by her brother Horst Berlin.

When Ursula entered a room, her vibrant personality lit it up. Known for her outgoing nature, infectious laughter, and love of conversation, she left a lasting impression on everyone she met. In her younger days as a mother of three, Ursula was even a model at the Rhode Island School of Design (RISD).

Ursula's memory will be cherished by all who knew her. She is survived by her three daughters, as well as her many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life will be held in the near future to honor her incredible life.