



RUTH  
ELEANOR KANE  
(NEE NEEDHAM)

September 5, 1930

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April 19, 2024

Ruth Kane, age 93, died peacefully in Las Vegas on April 19th. A 29-year former resident of the Village of Oak Creek, Ruth was born September 5, 1930, in Detroit, where she was raised and educated. In the early 1950s, Ruth began working for General Motors, where she met Richard (Dick) Kane and the two were married in 1955 at her family's cottage on Grand Island in Michigan, which became their lifelong summer vacation spot. Six months later, the Kanes moved to Ann Arbor, which was their initiation into small-town living, which they embraced. By 1961, Ruth and Dick had two sons and were living in Waukegan, Illinois, where she was a stay-at-home mom until the 1970's when she began working for American Hospital Supply Corporation.

The Kanes retired to Sedona in 1993, joined the 4Rs and worked on local political campaigns and the Verde Valley School Road medians and other preservation and beautification projects. Ruth was also very active with Sedona Muses events and served on (and chaired) the Board of Big Park Domestic Wastewater Improvement District for many years. She was a member of The Church of the Red Rocks.

Ruth often said between the beauty of Sedona and tranquility of Grand Island "I live in two of the most beautiful places in the United States."

Ruth was preceded in death by Dick, her husband of 57 years, and is survived by sons Jim Kane of New Orleans, John Kane of Las Vegas, and sister Peggy Predl of Tulsa.