



# Ruthy Swirsky Sadly Her Wish Could Not Be Granted

Dear Friends:

I wanted say a huge THANK YOU to everyone that was involved with the opportunity to make a wish come true for my mother, Ruthy Swirsky. She passed peacefully on October 18, 2002. Although there was no time or ability to grant her wish, she still thought of herself as "pretty special" that she was chosen to be granted one.

To refresh your memory, she donated her wedding gown last April to the Next To Me store in Mentor, OH and a TV news interview was done with Fran and Ruthy. She asked for the Delta Queen cruise, but from what was understood, the Delta Queen defunked so there were problems. We do have the TV interview and promo still on tape and watched it past this Thanksgiving Day, to remember Mom was still with us in spirit. My father, my Mother Ruthy and I attended the "Brides Against Breast Cancer" event in Ohio and we all helped out. Your organization also donated to me, my DREAM <God, I love it> wedding dress. I'm beyond saddened to say, she will never get to see me walk down the aisle in it <in spirit only>, but has seen me model it many times. I'll never be able to thank you enough for the dress and can barely wait to wear it for my actual wedding. Also, you donated a black dress to me, to give to her for a black tie formal wedding! she was attending. Gosh, she loved that dress...fit her like it was made for her, perfectly! These gifts alone were wonderful enough for her!

Ruthy's fight was long and strong. Unfortunately, she proved to all of us the "will to live" is an amazing thing. She was diagnosed on October 11, 2002 as being officially terminal. That day, she laid down to die, there was no longer any hope. She was put into hospice just three days later and passed a few after that.

Thank you again Fran, and everyone else that helped to make my Mother feel special! I also wanted to let you know, that as soon as the "Brides Against Breast Cancer" comes back into town, please make sure I am on your contact list for volunteering the entire weekend! I have a friends wedding dress i grabbed from her to donate and some formal dresses from my mother. I know she would be proud to have some of her stuff on your racks! Please call since I don't read the paper much or watch much TV. If there is anything else I can do for your organization here in Cleveland, OH, please do not hesitate to ask!

Forever your friend!  
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