

RIPLEY, DENISE

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Denise Brian Ripley passed away peacefully on March 24, 2018 at Sun City Center, Florida. She was 90 years old.

Born in New York City and brought up in Great Neck. She came from a theatrical family. She studied for the theatre from the age of 8 and attended Finch College in New York. She performed in productions on Long Island and New York City in theatre, radio and television. She also played in summer stock in Woodstock, New York and Cohasset, Massachusetts.

She married Sheldon Ripley in 1950 (d. 2002) and moved to Cohasset where she was involved in directing and acting in amateur and regional theatre as well as teaching theatre for children. She was Director of the South Shore Art Center 1961-1969; Executive Secretary for the Cohasset Bicentennial Committee in 1971 and edited the arts and crafts section of the 1776 Guide (published by Harper and Row). She served as Communications Director at the South Shore Conservatory in Hingham, MA from 1986-1990 when she and Sheldon moved to Harwich Port, MA. They were both involved in community theatre on the Cape and she served on the board of the Chatham Drama Guild and the Harwich Junior Theatre and was involved with the Cape Museum of Art in Dennis.

She is survived by her daughter, Lesley Virginia Ripley of London, England; her son, Sheldon Nichols Ripley of Palmetto, Florida; her grandson Daniel Winchester Ripley; great-grandson Connor Ripley; and great-granddaughter Alana Ripley.

A memorial service will be held on August 2nd at 11:00 AM by the St. Mary of Magdala church at St. Peters Lutheran Church, 310 MA-137, Harwich, MA 02645 Donations can be made in her memory to Harwich Junior Theater, The Cape Museum of Art, or the charity of your choice.

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