



Cerita Ludwick Purmort

July 4, 1938 - May 3, 2022

Cerita Ludwick Purmort was born July 4, 1938 in Danville, VA the daughter of David and Juanita Ludwick. She grew up in Arlington VA and graduated from Washington-Lee High School in 1956. She moved to Tampa FL and graduated from the University of South Florida. She relocated to Sarasota in 1967 to teach English at Sarasota High School and quickly became a favorite teacher at the school. She met and married Clyde Allen Purmort (Al) in 1968. They married six weeks after meeting each other at The Beach Club on Siesta Key. Cerita and Al had two children, Clyde Allen Purmort III and Mary Katherine (Katie) Gauthier. Cerita was a member and Past President of The Junior League and active for many years at Historic Spanish Point, Coquille Auxiliary of Girls, Inc. and Ringling College Library Association Town Hall speaker series. She was an avid golfer at Laurel Oak Golf Club and was on the committee for the scramble for SPARCC ladies benefit Golf Tournament for many years. Cerita loved playing bridge with her friends and she was a wonderful cook.

She is survived by her son Al, Jr., his wife Kelly Shepherd Purmort and her daughter Katie and her husband Rick Gauthier; and daughter Deborah D. Downs (Carolyn) and grandchildren Allen, Kyle Gagliardi (Will), Cole, Jacob Kakone and Tyler and Tanner Gauthier. Her most recent joy was her great-granddaughter Sutton Gagliardi.

Services will be private at the Sarasota National Cemetery. Donations should be made to Farmhouse Animal Sanctuary 2807 S Duette Rd Myakka City FL 34251 and SPARRC