



## Grace Ellen Haake

August 20, 1923 - October 22, 2017

Grace was born in Schenectady, New York to George and Phillapena Dressel. She met her late husband, Bernard Haake, while still in High School. The two were married October 6, 1945 until his death on June 4, 2001.

She lived in Schenectady, Mamaroneck, Niskayuna, Fayetteville and Somers in New York and then Tampa, Englewood and ultimately Sarasota (Siesta Key) in Florida. Grace worked at General Electric's Schenectady headquarters and later in the Schenectady school system. She spent many years volunteering as a candy striper at various hospitals in Westchester County New York and Sarasota. She also was a long-time volunteer at the Women's Exchange of Sarasota.

Grace loved strolling the beach each day along Siesta Key and since 1954 never missed a summer at her beloved camp on Canada Lake in the Adirondack State Park, where she enjoyed swimming, including this summer. She also enjoyed driving with Bernie and later by herself until age 92 the 1500 miles from Sarasota to Canada Lake and back each year, with special stops along the way, including Peaks of Otter on the Skyline Drive in Virginia. Grace made friends everywhere she went was beloved by all who met her.

She is survived by her sons Tim and Glenn and their spouses Jane Haake and Gloria Haake. She has four grandchildren: Christopher, Caroline and Victoria Haake and Ashley Cross. She was predeceased by her parents and her sister Mary.

The funeral service for Grace will be held on Friday at 9:30 AM at Sarasota National Cemetery, 9810 State Road 72, Sarasota, Florida 34241. Toale Brothers Funeral Home in charge of arrangements. <http://www.toalebrothers.com/>

# Tribute Wall

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“ Glenn, Tim And Family, I'm so very sorry to hear about your Mom my Deepest Sympathy and prayers to you All , Dawn Heintze Friello

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**Dawn Friello** - October 26, 2017 at 12:00 AM