



## Ralph & Jean Skinner

March 21, 2023

Both Ralph and Jean Skinner passed away recently after 61 years of marriage. Jean passed away suddenly at the age of 87 on December 4, 2022 and was followed by Ralph at 91, on March 21, 2023.

After losing his wife, Ralph did not have the will to live. He was suffering from dementia and kidney failure and was under hospice care at his assisted living facility in Venice, Florida.

Ralph was born on November 11, 1931 to Charles and Dorothy Skinner in Arlington, Massachusetts. They were both teachers at Arlington High School. He was a mechanical engineer for various manufacturing companies over the years. He enjoyed woodworking and crafted ships quarter-boards and models as a hobby. He also did part time handyman work and liked building things for the kids at Forty Carrots. In retirement, he was a master gardener and volunteered at Selby Gardens.

Jean was born on February 14, 1935 to Carl and Hulda Nattson in Arlington, Massachusetts. They both immigrated from Sweden for a better life in the US. Jean worked as a visiting nurse before her children were born. She was a talented watercolor artist and enjoyed gardening, particularly growing orchids.

Together, they lived in Arlington and Needham Massachusetts until moving to

Florida in 1981. In Florida, they spent a few years in Coral Springs before moving to Sarasota where they built their dream house.

They are survived by their daughters, Heidi Schroeder (Brett), of Chevy Chase, MD, Heather Skinner, of Sarasota and grandchildren, Kevin Schroeder, of Austin, Texas and Kirsten Schroeder, of Baltimore, MD.