



## Ruth N. (Belmont) Lane

October 24, 1932 - May 17, 2020

Ruth Nancy Lane, 87, passed away on May 17, 2020 in Sarasota, Florida after a brief illness. Ruth was born on October 24, 1932 in Lewiston, Maine and graduated from Edward Little High School in Auburn, Maine in 1950. She married the love of her life and best friend, Theodore R. Lane on May 2, 1953. They celebrated 66 years of marriage in 2019, shortly before Ted passed.

Ruth was the daughter of the late Olive Belmont. She was pre-deceased by her sister, Shirley Belmont Gousse. Ruth and Ted spent 21 years in the U.S. Navy and U.S. Coast Guard while Ruth supported every move up and down the east coast - Cape May, NJ, Hollywood, FL and Oakdale, CT – while raising and taking care of their two children, Gary and Sandra (Sandi).

When Ted retired from the service they returned to Maine where Ruth took a position with Kmart Corp. as the office manager of the Auburn store over a 12year career. Ruth was skilled in opening new stores and was selected by Kmart home headquarters in Troy, MI to open a number of stores in Maine. Ruth was responsible for hiring and training office personnel to manage the new stores. Upon her retirement in 1985, Ruth and Ted moved to Sarasota, FL. For many summers they returned to Maine, vacationing on Bailey Island, a place where Ruth had many happy childhood memories. She and Ted loved to entertain friends and family, cooking her favorite dinner - pots full of lobster. In fact, just before she became ill, she had ordered lobster that will be taken

out of her freezer and enjoyed with family one more time.

Ruth will be remembered for her sharp wit and gift of gab who was a wonderful and devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and friend. In her spare time, Ruth knitted and crocheted many baby blankets and hats for local hospitals, family, and friends while also selling some of her items at a gift shop located on Bailey Island. Ruth was a fantastic cook and baker. When living in Maine she grew and maintained her favorite flower, roses. Ruth also volunteered for many events in her retirement community including overseeing the weekly Bingo events.

She is survived by a son, Gary S. Lane and Ann Andrews of Sarasota, Florida, a daughter Sandra Lane Peterson and her husband Stephen E. Peterson of Richmond, VA and the two big joys of her life, her grandchildren, Bradford Lane Peterson and Leah Kathryn Peterson Munn and her husband Jonathan, all of whom are from Richmond, VA. Ruth also leaves behind three very special nieces, Patricia Sloat and husband Bryan, Cindi LaHaye and partner Mike Yates, Michelle Manter and husband Kevin, all of Freeport, Maine and her nephew Richard Lane Bixby and wife Susan, of Sanbornville, NH.

A memorial service will be held at the Sarasota National Cemetery at an as yet undetermined date.

Toale Brothers Funeral Homes and Crematory, Gulf Gate Chapel has been entrusted with the arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

BP

“ *My dear Ruth. Ah, so many memories. Little did we know when i drove you and sweet new born baby Sandra home from the hospital that she would be my beloved daughter-in-law when she and my son Steve married in 1980 and we could share two beautiful grandchildren, Brad and Leah. I recall all the times you hosted us at Bailey Island and in Sarasota. We enjoyed many parties in Auburn as well. Rest well my friend, you have earned it.*

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**Beverly Peterson** - May 22, 2020 at 11:06 AM

SB

“ *Ruth was the most caring and gracious ladies I have ever met! Family first and she loved everyone! I do feel lucky to have met her and Ted and all the family! She was a giver a great conversationalist and always served others! She will be missed by all that had the privilege of knowing her. God bless all the families and friends!*

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**Sally Jo Blake** - May 21, 2020 at 09:31 PM

SH

“ *Ruth will always be remembered for her wit but also for her love of husband. She was known for Bingo. Truly a treasured friend of SRV. Su Harley*

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**Susan Harley** - May 21, 2020 at 07:24 PM

 Marcy Horwitz

“ *What a lovely remembrance! I am thinking of you both, and Brad and Leah. Mrs. Lane will be missed by so many people!*

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**Marcy Horwitz** - May 21, 2020 at 06:47 PM

CL

“ My beautiful Aunt. Oh how I will miss you! Always in my mind, forever in my heart♥ Go Rest High on That Mountain, your work on earth is done ..... 🎵 reunited with Ted, Mom and Dad and for the first time in 75 years , your mom. Love forever ....Cindi

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**Cindi LaHaye** - May 21, 2020 at 03:52 PM

HC

*Remember Ruth at bingo games. She was the only one who could carry on a conversation while playing her usual 8 cards!! Am not sure how she did it but very often won!  
So sorry to hear of her passing but it sounds like she had a very full and wonderful life.  
Sincerely, Helen Carter*

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**Helen Carter** - May 22, 2020 at 06:10 PM

MG

*Ruthie was like a big sister to me. She came to live with us after her mother passed away and I was so proud to be her maid of honor when she married Ted. She was a wonderful woman and will be truly missed by us all. Loved you Ruthie.*

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**Mary Ellen Goss** - May 23, 2020 at 07:30 AM