



Ruth Wholeben

June 22, 1923 - May 26, 2018

Ruth Wholeben, age 94, passed away on Saturday, May 26, 2018, in Bradenton, Florida. She was born in Oil City, PA, the daughter of Charles and Alice (Dunn) Goldthwaite, on June 22, 1923. Ruth was predeceased by her husband Norbert in 1991 and by two of her four sons, John and Todd. She had two sisters, Maxine (Herrman) and Betty J. (Lucyszyn), both deceased. Ruth graduated from Allegany (NY) High School in 1940. She married Norbert F. Wholeben in Olean, NY, on June 18, 1945. Ruth was employed with Van der Horst Corp. in Allegany during the war years. In the late 1940's the family moved to Elmira NY and in 1960 to Temple Terrace, FL. As a girl Ruth drew fashion designs. She displayed a life-long interest in art and various crafts. She practiced calligraphy and designed her own Christmas cards. In Elmira she performed in community theater. For many years she was active in the PTA. Ruth was a 40-year member of the Temple Terrace Woman's Club and the TT Friendship Club, holding club offices and participating in fund-raising for community projects. The TT Woman's Club recognized her as 1992/1993 member-of-the-year for outstanding service. For a time she was a teaching aide in the Hillsborough County school system. Her favorite game was Scrabble. Ruth maintained many friendships and family connections through her letter writing. (A pen-pal relationship that began in high school with a student in Germany spanned more than 60 years.) She was a founding member of the Corpus Christie Church in Temple Terrace. She is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law: Gary (Elizabeth) Wholeben and Coby (Diane Glass) Wholeben. She is also survived by a niece Bonnie (Lucyszyn) Hadley and by step-grandchildren Michelle, Neil, Amber, Erie and Sashi, and by step-great grandchildren Tyler, Haley, Alex and Katie.

Tribute Wall

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“ Gary and Coby,

I just learned about the passing of your dear Mother Ruth. What a wonderful and kind woman she always was. I remember one Father's Day years ago, a day like today, when she gave me a beautiful note with the sweetest words acknowledging the fact that I had lost my Father Eli several years before. She was a sweetheart through and through. She also bought a plank on the wooden walk way along the Hillsborough River in back of Riverhills Elementary School, in honor of my recent marriage at the time. She, along with your Father Norb, were so considerate and kind to my Mother Vivian after my Father passed away. And I remember fondly her Mother, your Grandmother, who lived with you as well as your Aunts Maxine and Betty and your Uncle Bill.

*Ruth came from a loving and close family and, like you, from good stock. God rest her loving soul. My deepest sympathy to you and your families in your loss.
Bobby*

Bobby Nader - June 17, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I have fond memories from childhood of visits with Norb and Ruth. Norb's mother Anna and my mom Florence were sisters. It is my sincere prayer that she rest in peace and rise in glory everlasting.*



Scott Chambers - June 15, 2018 at 12:00 AM