



## Velma Irene (Harden) Allen

December 29, 1930 - June 25, 2022

Velma Irene (Harden) Allen, 91, passed away peacefully at home on June 25, 2022, after a long illness. She was born on December 29, 1930, in Mt. Gilead, Ohio to the late Herbert Harden and Ethel Kehrwecker. Velma was preceded in death by her loving husband of 70 years, John Thomas (Tom) Allen. They are now together forever in eternal life.

Velma graduated from Bliss College where she met the love of her life, Tom. They raised their family in Zanesville, Ohio and relocated to Sarasota, FL in the late 70's. She worked in their picture framing business and then at Publix bakery until her retirement. Velma was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Sarasota. She was a life member of the DAV Auxiliary. Tom and Velma enjoyed watching sports together and most of all enjoyed spending time with family.

Velma is survived by her four daughters, Pamela (Mark) Trout, Rebecca Allen, Deborah (Gary) Williams, Constance Allen-Willoughby, and two sons, John (Sonia Jarrett) and Charles; six grandchildren, David (April) Trout, Angie (Sam) Gianettino, Keri (David) Higginbotham, Courtney (Nick) Crouch, Larz Willoughby, and Jordan Allen; and three great-grandchildren, Kasey Trout, Elijah, and Alexis Higginbotham. She is also survived by one sister, Thelma Harmon, and one brother, Herbert Harden Jr, and several nieces and nephews.

Velma was preceded in death by two sisters, Wanda Watkins, and May Sutherland, and two brothers, Paul, and Spencer Harden.

Visitation will be from 5 to 6 pm with a memorial service at 6 pm on Tuesday, July 5, 2022, at Toale Brothers Colonial Chapel, 40 N Orange Avenue. Interment will be at a later date at Sarasota National Cemetery with her husband, Tom.

The family would like to express their deep appreciation for the nurses and staff at Tidewell Hospice. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Tidewell Hospice, 3550 S Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL 34239.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 5. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Toale Brothers Funeral Home & Crematory - Colonial Chapel  
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## Memorial Service

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