



## Virginia M. Ward

February 17, 1930 - October 7, 2017

Virginia Madeline Ward passed away peacefully on October 7th, 2017 at Tidewell Hospice of Sarasota, FL surrounded by her loving family.

She was born February, 17, 1930 in Livingston, KY to Roscoe Hiatt and Ruth Poynter Hiatt in Livingston, KY. Virginia resided in London, KY until relocating with her family to Sarasota, FL in 1981.

She and her late husband, Roy, were members of the First Baptist Church in Sarasota.

Virginia attended the University of the Cumberlands in Williamsburg, KY and had a successful insurance career for more than 50 years. Illness forced her to retire at the age of 79.

As the soft-spoken "Matriarch" and inspiration to her family, she instilled the importance of education, hard work and success. Her life outlook was always "Never Give Up." Virginia touched the lives of everyone who knew her with her tenderness and compassion.

She is predeceased by her husband of 34 years Roy Z. Ward and is survived by her daughter, Gale (Greg) Wilson of Sarasota, Florida, granddaughters, Chelsea Watkins and Jennifer (Drew) Griffin, and Great-Grandsons, Roman

and Cort Griffin, all of Tampa, FL.

A family and friends Celebration of Life Service will be held at the Palms-Robarts Memorial Park at a later date.

The family requests any Memorial or Tribute donations to the Alzheimer's Assoc., FL Gulf Coast Chapter, 14010 Roosevelt Blvd., #709, Clearwater, FL 33762 [www.alz.org/flgulfcoast](http://www.alz.org/flgulfcoast)