



Ruth Edythe Skinner

November 25, 1936 - November 9, 2021

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of Ruth Edythe Skinner (nee Thompson) on November 9, 2021. Born on November 25, 1936, Ruth was the youngest of two children born to John and Edythe Thompson of Loves Park, IL. After graduating Harlem High School in 1954 she got a degree in Nursing. Ruth's nursing career began as a surgical nurse at Rockford Memorial.

Ruth married Philip Charles Skinner on June 11th, 1960 and settled in Madison, WI. After children were born the family moved to Elm Grove, WI. Ruth worked as a school nurse and a psych nurse while raising her young family. Ruth was widowed at the young age of 44, shortly after moving to Bloomington, MN. With a young family to raise she re-entered the workforce as a Cardiac Nurse at North Memorial and Ebenezer Care Center in Minneapolis.

Once all of her children had graduated high school she moved back to Wisconsin to a home on Lake Nemahbin in Oconomowoc. There she continued her career in Psych Nursing for Rogers Hospital. She retired in 2001 and moved back to Elm Grove.

After 64 years in the bold north, Ruth moved to Bonita Springs, FL initially as a snow bird but quickly became a full time resident. She made her home in Lighthouse Bay where she could play tennis, pickleball and bridge every day. Once tennis became too difficult physically she became a competitive Bocce player ultimately winning a state title with the Lighthouse Bay team.

Ruth is known as a loving mother, friend and grandmother. She was a wonderful friend to many, a funny companion and a model of genuine faith demonstrated by her kindness and charity toward others.

Ruth is survived by her daughter Carin (Michael); her 3 sons Robert (Brenda), Matthew (Jennifer) and David (Ryan); 12 grandchildren (Bryanna, Luke, Ellery, Josh, Andrew, Logan, Sarah, Isabelle, Alex, Nick, Nelle and Chet); an honorary grandson (Fudge); 3

great-grandsons (Landyn, Avery and Otto).

A memorial service begins at 2:30 PM on Saturday, November 13th at First Presbyterian Church of Bonita Springs, 9751 Bonita Beach Road SE, Bonita Springs, FL 34135.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials to either the Audubon Society (https://act.audubon.org/a/give-today?ms=digital-fund-web-website_nas-topmenu_donate_202107), World Wide Fund for Nature (WFF) (<https://gifts.worldwildlife.org/gift-center/one-time-donation.aspx>) or the Wounded Warrior Project https://support.woundedwarriorproject.org/Default.aspx?tsid=11585&ovr_acv_id=16489&campaignSource=ONLINE&source=BS21037BAABREMA&gclid=EAlaIqobChMIpIT_z72T9AIVDMEWBR2XSANFEAAAYASAAEgKPYPD_BwE&gclidsrc=aw.ds).

"Just when the caterpillar thought the world was over, it became a butterfly."

Comments



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ruth Edythe Skinner.



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“ My sympathy to Ruth's beloved family. Ruth was a lovely woman and a treasured friend. She had a strong faith, a good sense of humor, and was a joy to be with. I'll miss her and pray for all of you as we grieve this loss.
I have so many memories over the many years I've known Ruth. I value those spent at her various homes. A special memory is when she invited Betty Hunter, Penny Feerick and me to her lake home for a sleepover. We had as much fun as teenagers do at a sleepover. She was a gracious hostess and special person.
Sandy Barry



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