



Ruth Marie Harkins

September 1, 1927 - February 21, 2018

Ruth Marie (Cook) Harkins, 90, of Ft Myers Beach, passed away on Wednesday, February 21, 2018 at Joanne's House at Hope Hospice in Bonita Springs, FL. She is survived by her loving husband, Harold J. Harkins; her younger brother, John (Jan) Cook and her children and grandchildren. She was born September 1, 1927 in Amagansett NY as the first daughter of Theodore and Beatrice (Santacroce) Cook of Montauk, NY. She graduated from East Hampton High School. Ruth retired from the U.S. Post Office with service spanning 1943 – 1991.

On August 6, 1955 she married Harry, the true love of her life. She met Harry in the Post Office in Montauk when he was a NY State Trooper. Ruth and Harry had four children, Edward (Kenna) Harkins of Santiago Chile; Theodore (Bem) Harkins of Los Angeles; Lori (David) Whitney of San Francisco and Lisa (Micah) Fell of Newport, KY. She is survived by six grandchildren, Natalie, Jason, Samantha, Peter, Kevin and Mackenzie. The family gathers every year in Ft Myers Beach for a reunion to celebrate milestone birthdays and anniversaries. Ruth loved to celebrate holidays.

Ruth's life revolved around Harry and her family. She was a devoted wife and was active in the Catholic Church. She and Harry raised their family in Brewster NY, Okemos MI and Columbus OH. They loved their retirement in Ft Myers Beach, enjoying the beach and family vacations. In addition to her love

of the American flag, Ruth favored lighthouses, seagulls and had a signature style of wearing custom t-shirts and suspenders.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday, March 16, 2018 at 11:00 A.M. at Church of the Ascension in Ft Myers Beach. Following the Mass, her ashes will be inurned in the church memorial garden.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Church of Ascension or Hope Hospice of Bonita Springs.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Church of the Ascension Memorial Garden

6025 Estero Blvd.
Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

MAR 16. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Ruth Marie Harkins*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *Hey Lori. Andrea just filled me in on the news about your mom. I'm so sorry for your loss. She sounds like an awesome lady! I love her simply for her spirit. How many people have you met who love custom t-shirts and suspenders!!!! That.....plus the fact she had the good taste to live in Ohio for awhile.....make her very special. Sending tons of love to you, David, Jason and Peter and all of your family. Rich*

Rich Moore - February 26, 2018 at 04:47 PM



thank you Rich, lots of love, Lori

Lori Whitney - February 26, 2018 at 05:38 PM