



Mrs. Ruth Buckner Doyle

October 24, 1925 - November 7, 2017

Mrs. Ruth Buckner Doyle, 92 of Melbourne, passed peacefully with her family on the evening of Tuesday November 7, 2017. Mrs. Doyle was a retired high school teacher from Richmond, VA where she touched so many young lives. Mrs. Doyle was preceded in death by her husband B.T. and son Bill. Mrs. Doyle is survived by her Husband Norbert Lucas, Brother Leroy Buckner, as well as Sister-in-Law Barbara Buckner, and all their loving family members. A memorial services will be held at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 5555 N Tropical Trail, Merritt Island, FL 32953, on Friday November 17th 2017 at 11am. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the either The ALS Association or St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Merritt Island, FL.

Previous Events

Service

NOV 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Luke's Episcopal Church
5555 N Tropical Trail
Merritt Island, FL 32953

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Ruth Buckner Doyle*

January 30, 2023 at 03:36 AM



“ *No one in the world can replace Ruth. We were so fortunate to have her in our lives. Dad and Ruth were so very good for each other, and made each other so very happy. My brothers Dick and Norb Jr. and myself couldn't have asked for a better "2nd life" for our dad. Ruth certainly enjoyed their life here for Minnesota summers. They had many good times on the lake fishing and just watching the sunsets. She loved all the wildlife and the beautiful fall colors that is so great in Minnesota.*

We will miss our wonderful card games with Ruth. When she wasn't doing Bridge, she played Hand and Foot Canasta with all of us. Many great laughs. The dear lady will truly be missed. One more time--Love you Ruth.

Bonnie, Tom, Dick, Norb Jr. and of course Dad.

Bonnie Wald - November 13, 2017 at 10:49 AM

DB

“Ruth Buckner Doyle, what an incredible lady. Born to Leroy and Nancy Buckner in Richmond, VA on October 24, 1925 as Katherine Ruth Buckner, Ruth as she would be known for the rest of her life as the oldest of their three children, followed by Leroy “Buckshot” and Maurice “Buck” she was the picture of being what a big sister is all about.

After graduating high school in Staunton, VA in 1943, Ruth continued her education at Madison Collage receiving and a Bachelor’s degree in education. Ruth then became a high school home economics teacher in Richmond, VA, thus starting the siblings’ family business in the education field. It was teaching that she and met her husband Bernard Theophilus “B.T.” Doyle. It was always the family laugh that both brothers married one of their students, so Ruth bested them both and married the principle. B.T. and Ruth were married in Staunton, VA in August 1949.

With great joy their son William “Bill” Doyle was born April 1, 1955. Bill was an incredible son, one of the smartest, kindest, caring, compassionate people you could have ever met. Bill always wanted to help others, and in that spirit graduated medical school and became an optical surgeon at Shands Teaching Hospital in Gainesville, FL.

Ruth enjoyed life to the fullest every day! Besides being an amazing wife and mother and teacher of young minds, Ruth never met a craft she didn’t enjoy, from painting to decoupage to seamstress creations, she loved it all. Ruth’s passion for fishing and collecting sharks teeth and arrowheads at the Potomac River was a summer joy she looked forward to every year at their cottage in Colonial Beach, VA. If you ever were looking for Ruth on any Friday at 2pm, you would find her enjoying her weekly bridge game with her ladies.

After BT’s passing in 2002, and 53 years of marriage Ruth was still the anchor of the family’s strength. Now living in Rockledge, FL she was in the same state as her son and both brothers, continuing to share in countless hours of family time.

Ruth being that wonderful person was blessed to meet an amazing man, Norbert Lucas in 2003. They became inseparable providing each other with great joy and love. Both widows it became clear that God was not done providing love and happiness to their lives. They were married in the church in 2005, and created a beautiful blended family. For 12 years this loving couple enjoyed the golden years of their lives, so filled with a second dose of love and joy that we all can only aspire to have so late in life.

Sadly Ruth's strengths were to be tested again when her Son Bill was diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's disease or ALS in 2007. The nightmare of every parent, Bill passed away in September of 2008.

Despite all that life threw at Ruth, she was always the kindest soul you could have ever met. Never a disparaging word or a negative comment, she remained positive, supportive and nurturing every day of her life.

For anyone that ever had the honor and pleasure of meeting her, the world is now a lonelier place without her in it. Go with God Ruth, and join your all your family and friends that have gone before you lovely. Heaven was truly gained an Angel!

David Buckner - November 10, 2017 at 09:12 AM

DB

“ *David Buckner lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Buckner Doyle*



David Buckner - November 10, 2017 at 09:02 AM

MB

So very sorry for your loss. Ruth was a wonderful lady.

mary boeckman - November 13, 2017 at 09:29 AM