



## Ruth Elizabeth Ewerks

March 1, 1939 - August 14, 2020

Ruth Elizabeth Ewerks, 81 of The Villages, FL (formerly of Fruitland Park, FL), passed away peacefully at 9:30 am on Friday, August 14, 2020 at Elan Spanish Springs Memory Care, The Villages, FL.

Ruth was born on the family farm in rural Milford, IL on March 1, 1939. She was the daughter of Hiram and Sophie Van Hovel. She graduated from Milford High School in 1957 and attended Illinois Commercial College in Champaign, IL in 1958. She married Gordon Ewerks on September 18, 1960. Together they raised two sons in rural Sheldon where she spend her days as a housewife. She went on later to work at Iroquois Insurance in Watseka, IL and at Funks Super Crost Seeds in Kentland, IN. In 1986, Ruth and Gordon decided to follow their dreams and moved to Florida. After their move to Florida, she worked at Orange Blossom Gardens until they were able to start their own business, K & K Enterprises. Ruth loved to be outdoors. She enjoyed working in her yard, her flower gardens, taking long walks, and just enjoying God's creation. She was also a gifted pianist. Upon retiring, Ruth enjoyed many trips to Disney, traveling with Gordon, and especially loved their times aboard Royal Caribbean Cruise liners. Ruth was an active member of New Life Christian Church in Wildwood, FL.

Ruth is survived by her loving husband, Gordon, of 59 years; sister Ann Marie Easter of Urbana, IL; sons Kevin and wife Judy of Brighton, CO, Keith and wife Krista of Philo, IL; grandchildren Jenna and husband John Wallendorf of Denver, CO, Kalyne and husband Ethan Fitzwilliam of Altamont, IL, Kourtney

and Karson Ewerks of Philo, IL. She was preceded in death by her parents, brothers, Johann and David Van Hovel.

A Celebration of Life services will be held at the New Life Christian Church, Wildwood, FL on Friday, August 28, 2020 at 2:00 pm.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Alzheimer's Association, 378 CenterPointe Circle, Suite 1280, Altamonte Springs, FL 32701.

Arrangements entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home and Crematory, Lady Lake, FL. Online condolences may be left at [www.BeyersFuneralHome.com](http://www.BeyersFuneralHome.com)

# Tribute Wall

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“ Gordon we were so sorry to hear of Ruth's passing. We have fond memories of traveling with you and Ruth on many trips out west and to New England. Please accept our sincere condolences and prayers. Sally and Ron

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**Ron and Sally Swim** - August 25, 2020 at 08:29 AM

JG

“ My sincere sympathy to Gordon and the whole family. Ruth was a good friend of mine. We served as maid and matrons of honor at each others weddings. Les and I enjoyed surprising them when they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. God Bless you all.  
Sincerely, Janice Garrelts

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**Janice Garrelts** - August 24, 2020 at 04:54 PM

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“ Our condolences to Ruth's family from a cousin and grandson of Anna (Van Hovel) Smith.

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**Richard Heeren** - August 24, 2020 at 01:48 AM