



## Ruth Firks

June 9, 1928 - December 13, 2009

### Obituary of Ruth Firks

Ruth E. Firks, 81, daughter of William and Mary Gretencord of Fowler, Indiana, born June 9, 1928 went to be with the Lord Sunday, December 13, 2009 after a courageous battle with cancer. Mrs. Firks spent her childhood on the family farm in northwest Indiana, graduated from Freeland Park High School and attended Indiana State University where she majored in music. She retired from McDonnell-Douglas Corporation after 20 years of service. She was active as an accompanist and vocalist in several musical groups in Highland Lakes. She lived in Yalaha from 1982 to 1992, Highland Lakes from 1992 to 2008, and at Waterman Village 2008. Ruth devoted her life to her family.

She is survived by her husband of 61 years, Bernard, two sons, Mark and Steven of Colorado Springs, CO, one daughter, Janice of Apopka, four grandchildren and three great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her granddaughter, Sarah (Firks) Tharp.

### Visitation

Visitation will be held from 10:30 to 11:30 am on Wednesday, December 16, 2009 at the Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Leesburg

### Services

Funeral service will follow at 11:30 am at the church.

### Interment

There will be a private interment at Florida National Cemetery.

### Memorials

For those who wish memorials may be made to Cornerstone Hospice, 2445 Lane Park Road, Tavares, Florida 32778.

# Tribute Wall

LA

“ I met Ruth in 1982 while working for McDonnell Douglas at Kennedy Space Center and quickly bonded as friends...a true friendship that has lasted all these years. Ruth was indeed a lady, loved her Lord God and family more than words could say. When Vangie & I had our last visit with her just a few weeks ago, she just beamed as spoke of her family and told us about each person in the many pictures on her wall and the joy of a new great-grandbaby on the way. She loved each and every one of you so very much and was so proud of you. She was quite remarkable with making sure everything was in order with her life and being at peace with God. I have truly been blessed to have been friends with Ruth - it gives me a great sense of peace knowing that she will most certainly be an angel among us - that's just the way she is. I will miss you my friend! God's peace to Bernie and family. With much love, Laura (Cheffie)

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**Laura Anliker** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

VP

“ My heartfelt condolences to all of Ruth's family, of whom she was so very proud. It was a blessing to have been friends with Ruth and I have many fond memories of her.

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**Vangie Platt** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ I was so sad when I was made aware of Ruth's illness. Along with Elaine and Doris, we spend hours with Ruth, we even did some singing. I have fond memories of those times. We had such fun. She had such a wonderful sense of humor and delighted us with her stories. Ruth was devastated when the family lost Sarah. Then when she became ill, she told me it seemed she would be the first to join Sarah. She was at peace with that. A wonderful lady, respected by so many. I will miss you, my friend and I am thankful for the privilege of calling you friend. I pray for peace and comfort for Bernie and family. Melba Hutchinson

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**Melba Hutchinson** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PJ

“ We will miss Ruth in the Highland Lakes Musicale Chorus. She was the sweetest person anyone could know. May she rest in peace.

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**Peg Johnstone** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM