



Ruth Joy Lequire

March 8, 1938 - January 30, 2021

Ruth Joy Lequire of Leesburg FL and formerly of Oswego IL passed away at home on Saturday, January 30th, 2021 with her husband Ken, daughter Christa and grandson Kent by her side. She was born Ruth Joy Hamm, the only child of Howard M. Hamm and Anna Ruth (Bishop) Hamm, on March 8th, 1938 in Columbia Tennessee. Known all her life as Joy, she spent her early childhood in Columbia. Following her father's return from service in World War II, the family moved to Lewistown Illinois. In the summer of 1955, the family moved again, this time settling in Aurora IL. The following October, she married Kenneth Lequire (always Kenny to her) and they spent the next 64 years together, first in Oswego Illinois and then in Leesburg, Florida.

She is survived by her husband Ken, daughter Christa Lequire, granddaughter Brianna (Zach) Prior, grandson Kent Santiago-Lequire, and great-grandson Dylan Prior. She is preceded in death by her parents Howard and Anna Hamm and her father-in-law Columbus Lequire and mother-in-law Anna Scroggins.

Joy's lifelong love of Florida began with family trips to Silver Springs FL with her grandparents and aunts & uncles. She collected Coca Cola memorabilia throughout her life and attended many conventions all over the USA over the years. She and Ken traveled frequently during their life together and spent many Octobers in Maui and Oahu, Hawaii. Their last two trips were to Alaska

and Hawaii.

A funeral will be held at 11:00 a.m. on February 3rd at Berean Baptist Church in Okahumpka Florida. A graveside service, followed by interment at Lincoln Memorial Park in Oswego, Illinois, will be arranged at a later date.