

Ruth Virginia Dreves Heerdt

July 3, 1943 (Rockford, IL)

August 9, 2009 (Belvidere, IL)

After a courageous battle against cancer, with her family by her side, **Ruth Virginia Dreves Heerdt**, 66, died at 11:53 p.m. Saturday, August 8, 2009. She was born July 3, 1943, in Rockford, to Harold Dreves and Belva (Boehm) Stedman. She married Richard Heerdt January 18, 1975.



Ruth was a busy mom: she was employed by Amcore Bank for 27 years; she co-owned Wild Birds Unlimited until 2004; she volunteered at Easter Seals Child Development Centers, RSVP, and the Boone County Literacy Council; she was a member of the Navy Club Ship No. 1 and Christ United Methodist Church. Her children say she loved traveling, gardening, reading, and time with family and friends.

Survivors include Husband, Richard; Daughters, Shelly (David) Heerdt Kreitzmann (Foley, AL), Christa (Steve) Heerdt Purcell (Davidson, NC), Misselle (Jon) Heerdt Wilson (Belvidere), Kellie Heerdt Ray (McMinnville, TN), and Toni (Tom) Heerdt Norman (Rockford); Grandsons, Rick (Missy) Herter, Joe and Tyler Kreitzmann (Foley), Jerry Grenoble (Rockford), Josh Grenoble (Rockton), Jacob Norman and Joel (Becky) Wilson (Rockford), and Jacob (Zulma) Wilson (Genoa, IL); four Great-grandchildren; Sister, Carol (Jim) Terrell (Zephyrhills, FL); Aunt, Frances (Dick) Collins

(Chesterton, IN); Uncle, Russell (Lenore) Boehm (Ocala, FL); and Nieces, Nephews, Brothers and Sisters-in-law; and several grand pets.

Ruth was predeceased by her Parents; Stepfather, Robert Stedman; Brother, James Dreves; and Daughter, Connie.

The family gives special thanks to Dr. Laurel Rice and her team at University of Wisconsin Medical Center (Madison); the nurses at Northern Illinois Hospice - especially Deb; and all our friends and neighbors for their love and support. A Memorial Service will be held at 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 11th at Delehanty Funeral Home Ltd., 401 River Lane, Loves Park, preceded by 11:00 a.m. Visitation. Pastor Judi Penniman will officiate. A private family inurnment will be held later. In lieu of flowers, please send Memorials to Easter Seals CDC - Rockford, Northern Illinois Hospice and Grief Center, or the Boone County Literacy Council.



Reference:

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/rstar/obituary.aspx?n=ruth-v-heerdt&pid=131188770>

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