



## Bonnie Ernestine Sroka

February 22, 1933 - June 9, 2020

Bonnie Ernestine Sroka (Hester)

Born in Kosciusko MS Feb 22 1933. Bonnie followed her sister Iva Mae Tata to Auburn NY in 1952. She worked at Tata's grocery and subsequently Firth Carpet, where she was voted the official Queen that year to ride on their float in the fourth of July parade in Auburn. She married Henry Sroka in 1955.

Together they attended Syracuse International Beauty School. Henry joined the Army and they moved to Kileen TX where they lived for 3 yrs. Bonnie worked as a beautician for the wives of officers and even Elvis's girlfriends. When they came back to Auburn they lived with Henry's parents on Perrine St. for a short time. Bonnie took a job at General Electric.

She taught typing and shorthand at Cayuga Community College. Bonnie worked at Red Star Express Lines for 23 years in data processing where she made friends and continued to raise a family. She would also work in the family business on carpeting jobs with Henry sewing the seams to perfection.

In 1991 the couple moved to Southwest Florida where Bonnie worked at Sears department store both in Naples and Fort Myers. Bonnie along with Henry were devoted grandparents helping to care for James and Rachel in Florida. Bonnie stayed with the Sears Corp, until just after her 80th birthday.

When she realized she was having memory trouble she finally retired.

Bonnie is predeceased by her husband Henry "Hank" Sroka, son Stephen Francis Sroka her sisters Iva Mae (Cosi) Tata, of Auburn NY, Lilly Dea

(James) Nowell of Baltimore MD and a brother Edward Lee Hester of Kosciusko MS. Also by her parents Iva Pearla, (Graham) and Ernest Lee Hester of Kosciusko MS.

She is survived by her daughter Susan Marie Savage of Ft Myers FL., her three grandchildren James Didio Jr., Rachel Savage of Ft Myers, and Gracie Sroka of Wichita KS. Also three great-grandchildren James Didio III , Gemma Didio, and Layla Mae Savage all of Ft Myers FL.

Per her wishes there will be no calling hours.

In lieu of flowers donations to the Alzheimers Association in her honor would be welcome and appreciated.<https://act.alz.org/site/Donation>.

# Tribute Wall



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October 09, 2023 at 02:01 AM



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