



Louise J. Ruke

August 16, 1920 - April 28, 2011

Louise Johns Ruke ~ 90 of Fort Myers passed away on April 28, 2011. Louise was born in Camden County, Georgia on August 16, 1920 to Ruby Wilds and Nolan Johns. They moved to West Palm Beach when she was 18 months old and lived there until she married. Louise attended Palm Beach County Schools and graduated from Palm Beach High School in 1938. In 1940 Louise married Murel T. Ruke and moved to Clinton, North Carolina where they lived until they moved to Fort Myers in 1950. Louise was an avid gardener and she was known as the "flower lady". Louise was a member and Past President of the Edison Garden Club and has a lifetime membership in the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs. A member and Past President of Rotary Anns of Fort Myers, member and Past President of Fort Myers Collectors Club, member of Elizabeth Benevolent Society where she served as treasurer for 10 years. Louise was a long time member of Fort Myers Woman's Community Club and of the Edison Pageant of Light having done the flowers for the Royalty Tables for 30 years. Louise became a member of the First Baptist Church Fort Myers in 1950. She was very active in the church where she was known for her flower arranging. Not many Sundays went by that her flower arrangements were not beautifully displayed for Sunday Worship Services. In 2002 Louise and Murel moved from their home in Edison Park to Barkley Place Retirement Community. Louise was the Belle of Barkley until she left us last week for her heavenly home. Louise was predeceased by her husband Murel and she is survived by her son, M. Thomas Ruke Jr.; daughters, Gale

Ruke White (Alan) and Cynthia Louise Ruke; daughters in law, Barbara Daniel Griffin and Carol Fink Ruke; son in law Alan J. Daniels; grandchildren, David H. White, Durema Ruke Berry (Ken), Steven T. White, Daniel T. Ruke (Sarai), Jeremy L. White, Marissa Ruke Conrad (Mike); and 10 great grandchildren. Louise is also survived by her two loving sisters, Loucille Johns Swaim of Asheboro, N.C. and Faye Johns Eissey (Edward M.) of North Palm Beach, FL. A memorial service will be held at 4:00 pm, Thursday, May 5 at First Baptist Church, corner of Second and Jackson, downtown Fort Myers with Dr. Winford L. Hendrix officiating. The family will receive friends in the sanctuary beginning at 3:30 and immediately following the service the family invites you to join them for a reception in the Family Life Center. Memorial contributions may be made to First Baptist Church or to Hope Hospice in memory of Louise. Arrangements by the Anderson Patterson Cremation & Funeral Services.

Tribute Wall



“ Louise J. Ruke

October 09, 2023 at 02:01 AM



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January 28, 2023 at 12:09 PM