



## Neva Hawkins

February 7, 1934 - August 9, 2017

Neva M. Thompson was born in Marion, Indiana, the daughter of Ralph and Virginia Thompson. Neva moved to Florida in 1949. She graduated from Manatee High School. During high school Neva joined the Civil Air Patrol. Neva was a private when she met her husband, Lieutenant Robert C. Hawkins. Bob and Neva opened Hawkins Funeral Home in 1960 and Hawkins Flower Shop in 1976. A visitation will be held at Gendron Funeral & Cremation Services on Monday, August 14, from 5-7 pm. Funeral services will be Tuesday, August 15th at 11:00 am at First Baptist Church of Sarasota. Entombment will follow at Palms Memorial Park. Neva was a cherished wife, mother, meemaw and friend. She was preceded in death by her husband Bob and by her sons; Wayne, Tommy and Paul Hawkins.

Survivors include Neva's granddaughter Amy and her husband Dave, grandson Brian and his fiance, Jen, her great grandchildren Austin, Haley, Justin and Layla. Memorial contributions should be made to the Alzheimer's Foundation of America. Condolences may be expressed at [gendronfuneralhome.com](http://gendronfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## visitation

AUG **14**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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## Funeral service

AUG **15**. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Sarasota

# Tribute Wall



“ *Neva Hawkins*

October 09, 2023 at 02:01 AM



“ *Neva Hawkins*

January 28, 2023 at 12:09 PM



“ *Neva was the most precious example of God's love to us. She was kind, loving, patient and always believed in and helped others. I met her when I was young and swam in the pool with the boys more than once. She always had an open door policy in her home. I always believed, at the age of 6, that I eoukd marry Tommy who was my very first boyfriend! Wayne was special and Paul Allan enjoyed playing dress up. We all hung out with Debbie King and Greg in the neighborhood. Sad that so many passed away before their time. My deepest sympathies to the Hawkins family. Know that God gave you the BEST!!! Treasure her always! Ruth Yates. InHisService209@gmail.com*

**Ruth Yates** - October 22, 2018 at 12:18 AM



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Gendron Funeral & Cremation Services Inc. - August 14, 2017 at 12:01 PM

VT

“ Neva was my aunt, one of my Dad's sisters. All my memories of her are of a sweet lovely person, she was soft spoken and had a very kind heart, never did I hear her say a hard word about anyone. She was just so loving, she will be missed terribly, no doubt about it. May you rest easy Aunt Neva, until we meet again, love you. Ginny

Virginia Thompson - August 13, 2017 at 02:47 PM

CT

“ Having spent a lot of time with Neva as a child, being friends and neighbors when they built the funeral home and pals with Wayne, Tommy and Paul, I know she will be greatly missed. Neva was such a warm, loving, wonderful lady and was always there for everyone. My heart goes out to the Hawkins family, our families have been friends my whole life. Neva is at peace and watching out over all of us in Heaven. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. With our love, Carol (Fulcher/Tharp) and Larry Twyford

Carol Twyford - August 12, 2017 at 09:07 AM

LC

“ I knew Neva for 35 plus years, as well as her husband, Bob, and her son, Wayne. She was one of the kindest and sweetest people I have ever met. Even with all the tragedy she experienced in her life, she never lost her faith. My thoughts and prayers are being sent to her family. Linda Cummings

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**Linda Cummings** - August 12, 2017 at 08:44 AM

MM

“ I loved to listen to Neva's stories about old Sarasota. We shared time at their house on Holiday where the views of the Bay and the sunset were overwhelmingly beautiful. She had a kind soul. She suffered so many losses and remained faithful. My prayers are with her family.

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**Midge McCarthy** - August 11, 2017 at 07:06 PM