



## Ruth Howland French

September 23, 1928 - January 12, 2013

Ruth Howland French, 84, of South Yarmouth, Massachusetts, formerly of Meriden, Connecticut, passed away unexpectedly Saturday, January 12, 2013, in Lehigh Acres, Florida. She was the wife of the late Jack H. French. Born in Meriden September 23, 1928, she was the daughter of Ralph and Elinor (Newton) Howland. She resided in Wallingford, Connecticut until she married and moved to Meriden where she raised her family. Ruth was employed for many years by the 7-Up Bottling Company and The American Cancer Society. She was a 12th descendent of Pilgrim John Howland and a proud member of the Mayflower Society. In 2004, Ruth moved to her beloved Cape Cod home where she developed a passion for gardening, taking long rides along the coastline, and adopted a very special dog named Maggie. However, family was always the number one priority in her life and she was cherished as a mother and grandmother. "Ruthie", as she was known to all, had a kind and generous soul. She was perpetually happy and content and always looked at the bright side of life. The sound of her laughter and the twinkle of her eyes will be a treasured memory. She is survived by a daughter, Barbara DiNoia, and her husband, Gary, of Bronxville, N.Y., her sons, Jack French and his wife, Janice, of Hingham, Mass, David French, of South Yarmouth, Mass, and Thomas French, of Meriden, Connecticut. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Jennifer DiNoia, of Brooklyn, N.Y., Lisa DiNoia, of White Plains, N.Y., Kelly DiNoia, of Brooklyn, N.Y., Douglas French, of Stoneham, Mass., Christine French of Hingham, Mass., Richard French of

Boston, Mass., Charles French, and his wife, Meche, of Hyogo, Japan, a brother, William Howland, of Holliston, Mass., and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by a sister, Barbara Howland. Services and burial will be held at a later date in Massachusetts. Arrangements for Ruth's final care have been entrusted to Anderson-Patterson Cremation and Funeral Services, 2701 Lee Boulevard, Lehigh Acres, Florida 33971, (239) 368-7080. Those who wish to express condolences to the family at this difficult time are urged to visit Ruth's memorial webpage at [www.andersonpatterson.com](http://www.andersonpatterson.com) and sign the guestbook.

# Tribute Wall



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October 09, 2023 at 02:01 AM



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January 28, 2023 at 12:09 PM



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