



Mrs. Ruth Rayford

September 10, 1930 - January 27, 2019

Ruth Rayford, affectionately known as “Mutter” (German for mother) by her son, peacefully departed this life on Sunday, January 27, 2019, at the John and Arloine Mandrin Chesapeake Hospice House located in Harwood, MD, after a brief illness.

She leaves to cherish her memories a son, Lewis Rayford Jr. (LaVerne); granddaughter, Ericka Ellis-Stewart (Marcus) of Charlotte NC; great-grandson, Quinten Stewart; great-granddaughter, Sidney Stewart of Charlotte, NC; nieces, Sandra Downs (Jimmy), Peggy Dudley, Vivian and Virginia Rayford; nephews, Roosevelt Rayford, Phillip Rayford; grandnieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives and friends.

She is preceded in death by her husband of 70 years Lewis Rayford, Sr.; her parents Mr. Otto and Mrs. Olga Marta Schmidt; and a brother, Herbert Schmidt.

Ruth was born on September 10, 1930 in Neu-Isenburg, Germany, one of two children born to Otto and Olga Schmidt. She attended school in Germany.

In 1946, she met a dashing young soldier Lewis Rayford Sr, who became her soulmate. They were married in Neu-Isenburg, Germany during a time that the world would not understand their love. Out of their love came one son,

Lewis, Jr. Their love was so deep and abiding that she left her native country in 1953 to move to Washington, DC, with her husband, and small child. Ruth became a naturalized American citizen May 14, 1957.

Ruth was known as a conscientious worker and spent most of her professional career at Fisher Scientific International, Inc where she worked her way up through the ranks to a managerial position. She had a real love for family and took an early retirement from Fisher Scientific International to return to Germany for three years with her husband to care for her ailing mother. Upon returning to the states she held various part-time positions in sales and finance.

Ruth will be well remembered for her generosity and love of family.

Sie wird vermisst, aber nicht vergessen.

(German for - She will be missed, but not forgotten.)

Previous Events

Viewing

FEB 4. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Raymond-Wood Chapel
10684 Southern Maryland Blvd.
Dunkirk, MD 20754

funeral service

FEB 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Interment

NOV 20. 2:00 PM.

Private

Tribute Wall



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Phillip Bell Sr. and Winona Morrissette- - February 04, 2019 at 05:15 AM

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“ *Carla D. Cunningham lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Rayford*



Carla D. Cunningham - February 03, 2019 at 10:03 PM