

# Ruth Virginia Drevs Heerd

July 3, 1943

August 9, 2009

Belvidere, IL



After a courageous battle against cancer, with her family by her side, **Ruth Virginia Drevs Heerd**, 66, of died at 11:53 p.m. Saturday, August 8, 2009. She was born July 3, 1943, in Rockford, to Harold Drevs and Belva (Boehm) Stedman. She married Richard Heerd January 18, 1975.

Ruth was a busy mom: she was employed by Amcore Bank for 27 years; she co-owned Wild Birds Unlimited until 2004; she volunteered at for Easter Seals Child Development Centers, RSVP, and the Boone County Literacy Council; she was a member of the Navy Club Ship No. 1, and Christ United Methodist Church. Her children report she loved traveling, gardening, reading, and spending time with family and friends.

Survivors include husband, Richard; daughters, Shelly (David) Kreitzmann of Foley, AL, Christa (Steve) Purcell of Davidson, NC, Misselle (Jon) Wilson of Belvidere, Kellie Ray of McMinnville, TN, and Toni (Tom) Norman of Rockford; grandsons, Rick (Missy) Herter, Joe and Tyler Kreitzmann of Foley, Jerry Grenoble of Rockford, Josh Grenoble of Rockton, Jacob Norman and Joel (Becky) Wilson of Rockford, and Jacob (Zulma) Wilson of Genoa, IL; four great-grandchildren; sister, Carol (Jim) Terrell of Zephyrhills, FL; aunt, Frances (Dick) Collins of Chesterton, IN; uncle, Russell (Lenore) Boehm of Ocala, FL; and nieces, nephews, brothers and sisters-in-law; and several grand pets.

Ruth was predeceased by her parents; stepfather, Robert Stedman; brother, James Drevs; and daughter, Connie.

The family gives special thanks to Dr. Laurel Rice and her team at University of Wisconsin Medical Center (Madison); the nurses at Northern Illinois Hospice - especially Deb; and all our friends and neighbors for their love and support. A memorial service will be held at 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 11<sup>th</sup> at Delehanty Funeral Home Ltd., 401 River Lane, Loves Park, with 11:00 a.m. visitation preceding the service. Pastor Judi Penniman will officiate. A private family inurnment will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please send memorials to Easter Seals CDC - Rockford, Northern Illinois Hospice and Grief Center, or the Boone County Literacy Council.

## Reference:

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/rrstar/obituary.aspx?n=ruth-v-heerd&pid=131188770>

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