## **Ruth Hallowell Berthelot**



Ruth entered her Heavenly home June 5<sup>th</sup>, surrounded by family and friends after a short illness. She was born in Camden, NJ, and lived in Gloucester. As a teen, her family moved to St. Petersburg, FL where she met her man, Victor B. Berthelot, at a YMCA dance. Married in 1951, they spent most of their married life in Baker, LA, then moved to Bay St. Louis for a wonderful retired life. Hurricane Katrina blew their home away, so they moved back to Livingston on family land. Surrounded by family, they lived there until Vic's death in 2022. Ruth was the Brown Heights bonus Mom, carting neighborhood kids to Cub Scout outings and swimming expeditions in her 1960 white Ford Falcon station wagon. She loved her mid-life vocation selling World Book encyclopedias. She loved meeting and earning trips. She was a force of nature, loved by all and will be missed immensely. She saw the good in everyone, radiated positive energy and love. She was the sunshine of our lives. Everybody loved RuRu.

Preceded in death by her parents, Elwood and Emma Hallowell, Jean McColl (Tom), Mike Hallowell (Millie) and Glen Hallowell, in-laws Vincent and Thelma Berthelot, son Kenneth Dale Berthelot, grandson Michael James Berthelot and Venesse Berthelot.

Survived by Kathy Krumholt (Randy), Brian Berthelot (Kim Sullivan), Kim Scullin, her precious niece Bonnie Jean Berrios, best friend Martha Furr, 7 grandchildren, 12 great grands, 1 great grandchildren and Sophie Marie, canine extraordinaire. Special thanks to Dr. Denzil Morares, her beloved cardiologist, Chelsea, Ashley and other Bridgeway Hospice staff.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to New River Baptist or the LA Baptist Children's Home.