



Ruth Rodier

September 27, 1930 - May 8, 2020

Ruth M. Rodier (nee Starke), age 89, of Sicklerville, passed away on Friday May 8, 2020 peacefully at her home.

Her husband and soulmate wrote to her “Someone once asked me why I always seemed happy.” His answer “To love someone as I love you and to have that someone love me too.”

Ruth Marian Starke Rodier was born on September 27, 1930 in Chicago, Illinois to the late Russell V. Starke and Patricia Marian (Gibson) Starke-Dworanczyk. A sweet little girl, with Shirley Temple-like hair and dimples, Ruth grew up with her older sister Ramona Starke (Scatchard) and two younger brothers, John Micheal “Mike” Starke and William “Bill” Russell Starke. The family lived in Drexel Hill, Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Arlington, Virginia before moving to Glenolden, Pennsylvania.

Ruth attended Glen-Nor High School and graduated in 1948. She was described as “Future Cover Girl...dimples...cute morale boaster...enough personality for two.” and was voted May Queen her Senior year. It was within the winding corridors of Glen-Nor’s hallways that she met her future husband and soulmate: George James Rodier.

Ruth married George “The Love of My Life” Rodier on November 17, 1951 in St. George’s Catholic Church in Glenolden, Pennsylvania. The enchanting bride wore a gown of Belgium lace and a tulle veil designed by her mother and was given away by her younger brother Bill. Ruth’s older sister Ramona was her maid-of-honor.

For almost ten years, Ruth and George resided in Glenolden, Pennsylvania, until their growing family required a new home. They moved to Cherry Hill, New Jersey in 1961 where they raised seven beautiful and loving children. In the late 80’s, they bought a second house in Naples, Florida and became lifelong Snowbirds.

Ruth and George were avid tennis players and made many friends at the Haddonfield

Tennis Club and Longshore Lake Tennis Club in Naples, FL. Ruth also enjoyed golf, oil painting, mahjong. her Philadelphia sports (go Eagles!!!) and spending time with her children, twenty-six grandchildren, and fourteen great-grandchildren. She was a devout church goer who regularly attended mass at Our Lady of Hope Parish/St. Agnes Church in Blackwood, NJ.

Besides her husband George, Ruth was preceded in death by her brothers John Micheal "Mike" Starke and William "Bill" Russell Starke and a granddaughter Sara Jayne Rodier and a great-grandson Jai Daniel Rodier.

Surviving are her beloved children and their spouses: David G. (Tobey), Daniel G. (Diana), Dennis G., George J. (Theresa), Ruth (Ronald), Mark G. (Andrea), and Gregory (Danielle). Cherished grandchildren: Christopher, Anthony, Bryan, Keith, Ronald, Shawn, Lisa, Chelsey, Lindsey, Gregory, George, Matthew, Kaitlyn, Thomas, Alexander, Kyle, Kevin, Christine, Dylan, Patrick, Timothy, Isabella, Jake, Benjamin, Andrew, and Annamarie. And dear, great-grandchildren: Aiden, Michael, Anthony, Ryan, Stephen, Maximus, Olivia, John, Evan, Jack, Brynn, Nolan, Maya, and Layla. Two greatgrandchildren are on their way. Ruth also leaves behind her older sister Ramona Scatchard and many nieces and nephews.

We Love You Always!

Ruth's life will be celebrated by her family privately due to the healthcare crisis of COVID-19. A Memorial Mass at Our Lady of Hope/St. Agnes Church, Blackwood, NJ, will be announced at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to Right to Life, 631 Market St., Camden, NJ or Our Lady of Good Counsel Home for Mothers and Babies, 600 Meadowlands Parkway, Suite 251, Secaucus, NJ 07094. Condolences may be shared at www.earlefuneralhome.com

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Comments



“ It was with great sorrow on news of your mother's passing. Hopefully, the family can take solace in knowing that she will always be in your hearts and souls. Her gentle admonishments of an 'exciteable' Dennis - surely a 6 decade occurrence - were more enjoyable than an Eagles win. Simply, it was a joy to be in her company. If there was ever a life to be celebrated, it was your mother's - God Bless

Mike Leonard - May 23 at 10:33 PM



“ My favorite memory of Aunt Ruthie will always be her beautiful happy eyes, her sweet smile, the way she could always make you feel that you were important to her, no matter how much time had passed. She was truly a beautiful caring person. You made the world a better place. Jean Rodier Wiggins

Jean Rodier Wiggins - May 13 at 06:44 PM



“ The Rodier family has been a part of me since my earliest days. They became part of my family as we aged. Many fond memories, occasions, events and yes, the many times I came home late on holidays, only to find Mr. and Mrs. Rodier, still at the table playing cards, or in the living room playing charades and welcoming us to 'get with it', hats on and noisemakers in hand! Then, there were also the backyard Olympics ... who could jump higher off the diving board, who could catch the longest thrown egg, who can win the wheelbarrow race... and then the time I actually beat Mr. Rodier in a sprint ... he relinquished the crown with grace (not) but Mrs. Rodier was just so happy for me! Holy Rosary, Bishop Eustace, and all the times thereafter... what great memories... a piece of us is now missing, but I'm sure Ruth and the gang are back at it up there watching down on all of us! God Bless. We will miss her. Tom, Lorrie and Claire Boylan

Tom, Lorrie and Claire Boylan - May 13 at 04:24 PM



“ I always remember Ruth & George for their constant support of their children, especially at Bishop Eustace events. Ruth was always pleasant and always kind. A good person who raised a beautiful family.

Gregory Matteo - May 12 at 12:12 PM



“ I was so sad to hear about Aunt Ruth. She was one of the sweetest, loving people I know. I am sure all the wonderful memories you share will help you during this difficult time.
Three Coors and a Coke are together again.

Joan Anderson - May 12 at 11:37 AM



“ I was very sad to learn of Aunt Ruthy's passing. I have wonderful memories of going up to New Jersey with dad to visit either Aunt Ruthy & Uncle George's, Uncle Mike's or Aunt Mona's or Grams and seeing all of the cousins! My mother (Lucille) and I are praying for all of the Rodier family. She was a beautiful lady inside and out.
Much Love,
Lisa (Starke) Pillman

Lisa Pillman - May 11 at 11:56 PM



“ So sorry for your loss! What a beautiful lady. Cherish the memories.

Geri Saunders - May 11 at 12:10 PM



“ I have been thinking about Mrs Rodier & the family since I first heard about her passing. I recall spending time at the house, back in the 70's. I was usually picking up Dennis so we could go out and act stupid. To this day, I remember being struck by the feelings of fun & love & life at that home - your parents (especially mom) in the middle of it all, taking it all in. It was a wonderful scene.

Thinking of you all on what must be a sad, strange Mothers Day. I'm sure your Mom & Dad are together again, and you will all see them again.

With deep sorrow,
Greg Borland

Gregory Borland - May 10 at 08:34 PM



“ Such a lovely lady and a terrific tennis player. Rest in peace, Ruth. Dave and Toby, my sympathies to you and the entire Rodier family.
Love, Carol

Carol MacLennan

Carol MacLennan - May 10 at 05:50 PM



“ I can't imagine a kinder person or a more devoted and loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. My deepest sympathy to all of the Rodier family.

Jeff Holman

Jeff Holman - May 10 at 01:58 PM