



LaVerne Florence Bridges

September 26, 1933 - March 16, 2021

LaVerne Florence Bridges, 87, of Ormond Beach, FL, passed away peacefully Tuesday, March 16.

She was born September 26, 1933, in Forest Park, IL, to Florence Marie (Ketter) and Bjarne Becker Andersen. LaVerne spent much of her childhood in Albany, GA, and graduated from Albany High School in 1950. Upon graduation from Sullins College in Bristol, VA, she enrolled at the University of Georgia, where she was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority.

In 1953 she married Mervyn L. Bridges. They made their home in Dallas, Austin, Fort Worth, and Arlington, TX, raising three sons there and in Ormond Beach.

She leaves behind children: Cindy and Mervyn L. (Buddy) Bridges, Jr.; Niken and John A. (Andy) Bridges; and Mary K. and Charlton (Chuck) Bridges; eight grandchildren: Nikki and husband TJ Moore; Mervyn L. Bridges III (Luke) and wife Haley; Alexis and husband Patrick Beitler; Austin, Allena, Stephen, Casey, and Thomas Bridges; as well as four great-grandchildren (and counting).

LaVerne will be remembered for her graciousness, cheerfulness, strong will, and above all, her gift of compassion—as a young woman caring for various older family members, lovingly attending to her husband, and later nurturing their sons and their families. She began volunteering at Ormond Memorial Hospital after her sons went off to college, logging more than 4,000 volunteer hours serving with the hospital through its transition to Florida Hospital

Memorial Medical Center and, most recently, AdventHealth Home Health. The Bridges had several beloved dogs over the years and she was skilled and faithful in their care, as well.

A private graveside service will be held on Saturday, March 20, with a full memorial and celebration of her life planned for a later date. The family welcomes remembrances made by donations to her favorite charity: Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Tribute Wall

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“ *AdventHealth Home Care purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of LaVerne Florence Bridges.*



AdventHealth Home Care - March 19, 2021 at 10:00 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of LaVerne Florence Bridges.*



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“ *Laverne was a beautiful person. I always enjoyed having lunch with her when I went to visit Jane. Jane has shared memories of her and Laverne over the years that I will always remember. She will truly be missed.*

Suzanne Wheeler

Suzanne Wheeler - March 18, 2021 at 03:54 PM

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“ Laverne was such a wonderful friend to me and I am so saddened by her passing. She was such a bright light to all of us here at AdventHealth where she so graciously volunteered her time for so many years. Working so closely together as we did, I looked forward each week to her radiant smile, cheerful attitude and to hearing about her travels, her sons, her grandkids and her dog Ranger. It was very apparent how much she loved her family. Family was very important to Laverne. Laverne always put others needs above her own and was so generous and thoughtful. She always had a big beautiful smile for everyone whose path she crossed and never had an unkind word for anyone. I will always cherish our friendship and the memories I have with her. My thoughts and prayers go out to Buddy, Chuck and Andy and their families. Laverne, you will be dearly missed. Rest in Peace my sweet friend.



Laura Edwards

Laura Edwards - March 18, 2021 at 02:11 PM