

Beatrice “Bea” Walker Ridenour

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Berma Beatrice "Bea" Walker Ridenour, 82, Deltona, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, died Monday at Central Florida Regional Hospital in Sanford.

Mrs. Ridenour was born in Hinton, WV, and graduated from Hinton High School. During WWII, she worked for the Army Signal Corps in the predecessor organization to the National Security Agency in Arlington, VA. She married after attending West Virginia University and Concord College in southern WV. She and her husband lived in Jumping Branch, WV for 13 years, then resided with her family for 27 years in Ravenswood, WV. Upon retirement from Jackson General Hospital, Ripley, WV, where she was the Patient Accounts Manager, she moved with her husband to Deltona, where they have resided for the past 20 years.

Mrs. Ridenour taught Sunday School for a combined total of more than 55 years at Bluestone Baptist Church in Jumping Branch, WV, at Calvary Baptist and Second Baptist Churches in Ravenswood, WV, and at Deltona Lakes Baptist Church in Deltona, where she and her husband have been extremely active for the past 12 years. Avid travelers, they visited Europe on several occasions, the Caribbean, and all 50 states, as well as a trip to Israel Mrs. Ridenour made several years ago. During the past 19 years, she and her husband have volunteered over 5,000 hours as Auxillians at Florida Hospital Fish Memorial, Orange City, and Central Florida Regional Hospital, Sanford.

Survivors include her husband of 61 years, John; three children: Sharon, Santa Fe, NM, Alan, Arlington, VA, and Virginia, Lewisburg, TN; nine grandchildren: Marlene, St. Paul, MN, Melanie, San Francisco, CA, Matthew, Culleoka, TN, Lauren, Alexandria, VA, Ross, Farmville, VA, Eric, New York, NY, Lauren, Anna, and Katie, Chatanooga, TN; and three great-grandchildren: Maggie, St. Paul, MN, and Mackenzie and Alexandra, both of Culleoka, TN.