



## Ruth C. Lewis

May 18, 1926 - March 1, 2015

Ruth C. Lewis, 88, The Villages, Florida passed away on March 1, 2015 in Leesburg, Florida. Mrs. Lewis was born on May 18, 1926 in Germany to her parents Kurt and Hedwig Kiessling. Mrs. Lewis moved to The Villages from Woodbury, NJ a year ago and prior to that had lived in Bel Air, MD and Darlington, MD. She had originally emigrated from Germany and was of the Christian faith. She enjoyed sewing crafts and cooking for her family and was an exceptional baker and made the greatest potato pancakes. She loved her grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great great-grandson and was very family oriented. She is survived by her loving daughter: Evelyn (Bob) Scholl of The Villages, FL; a son: Randy Kurt (Sue) Lewis of Port Orange, FL; two grandchildren: Joseph F. Dries, III and Erik Kurt Dries, Sr.; three great-grandchildren: Erik Kurt Dries, Jr, Matthew Dries and Jaxon Dries; a great great-grandson: Noah Dries. In lieu of flowers the family has requested donations be made in her loving memory to Habitat for Humanity of Lake and Sumter Counties at: [info@habitatls.org](mailto:info@habitatls.org). Services have been entrusted to Page-Theus Funeral Home, Leesburg, FL. On line condolences and memories may be shared by visiting <http://www.pagetheusfuneralhome.com>.

# Comments

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“ My memories of Ruth Lewis are from the years when Evelyn and I sat together on the bus to high school every day. And, since our houses were one mile apart ('close' where we lived), we spent time at each other's home.

Mrs. Lewis was different from other mothers, not because of her accent, but because of her presence and spirit. She had a strong internal compass that spoke with conviction. To me, she simultaneously communicated "no nonsense allowed" and an acceptance of "everything is nonsense". While other mothers fade into memory, Mrs. Lewis lives on.

Although I have not seen her in a while, I know Evelyn to be beautiful, intelligent, generous, and compassionate. Thank you, Ruth Lewis, for your wonderful presence in this world, and for raising a daughter who shines so brightly.

My sympathy and condolences to Evelyn, Bob, and the entire family.

Ellen Potter

**Ellen Potter** - March 05, 2015 at 05:54 PM



“ Ellen, thank you so very much, for your elegant tribute to my mother. I remember that when you hosted a slumber party, she was the only mother who routinely called --- and our friends would laugh and say "Evelyn, it's your mom - you may as well just answer the phone." Needless to say, back then and being a teenager, I was so always embarrassed and also upset with her for calling. Of course, later in life after becoming a parent myself, I fully understood her passion to know that I was safe. She was the mom who stopped the graduation ceremony to get a better picture me receiving my diploma . . . she was feisty and a fiercely protective mother. Of all my high school friends, you were the one, Ellen, she remembered. Thank you again for your sharing your memories of her. Love, Evelyn

**Evelyn Scholl** - March 06, 2015 at 09:03 AM



“ The passion is so important, and your Mother had it!

**Ellen Potter** - March 08, 2015 at 12:48 PM

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“ I regret not knowing Ruth when she was younger and “super charged.” She had survived World War II and a devastated country. Her first airplane ride was from Germany to the US with 6 year old Evelyn and to a basically arranged marriage. What kind of guts it must have taken to come not knowing the language or culture. What we often saw as perhaps stubbornness, in her last years was born from fierce sense of pride and survival instincts. No matter what day or time of day, she was impeccably dressed with coordinating jewelry. She wanted good food served properly. Thank heaven for Evelyn and all her talents and patience. The most fun I had was getting Ruth to laugh. Sometimes it took some effort, other times I hit the funny bone jackpot and was rewarded with a long belly laugh. Bringing her Mystic’s chocolate, orange liquor laced ice cream got a big GOOD! A fancy hat however was no good, cause it messed up her hair. So to Ruth we raise a big bowl of strawberry ice cream and a beautiful bouquet of flowers and say, “it was a privilege to know and love you.” God Speed  
Lynn and Ken Krupski

**Lynn Krupski** - March 05, 2015 at 01:14 PM

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**Ken Krupski** - March 04, 2015 at 05:28 PM

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“ Much Love, Gail and Bud purchased the Starbucks Condolences Basket for the family of Ruth C. Lewis.



**Much Love, Gail and Bud** - March 03, 2015 at 03:12 PM

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“ Dear Evelyn and Bob,

How surprised we were to learn of Ruth's passing--she had such a zest for life and will be missed by all who ever knew her. I remember the many years I stopped by her place in Bel Air en route between Woodbury and Washington. She always had a smile and an incredibly delicious snack. We made many trips together back and forth to Woodbury and talked nonstop. During one ice storm, I had to take shelter with her halfway home in the middle of the night when the roads were too slippery to continue driving--she was a very welcome port in the impossible conditions and probably saved my life. Even now I always automatically slow down at the Edgewood-Bel Air exit off I-95. I remember most her love of dancing, just like my mother's, and her amazing aptitude for baking delicious things. I wish I had taken cooking lessons from her! We often drove through Darlington during apple harvest time to get bushels of apples to take to my office--one of the highlights each fall for my co-workers, who never met Ruth but always blessed her name. It was a joy to have her at the wedding of our daughter to her German husband, and how nice it was to have someone originally from Germany to speak with his family and friends who flew over for the ceremony. She was a truly gracious lady who always put her family first, and was incredibly proud of all of you. Her beautiful presence will always be remembered with gratitude by those who were fortunate enough to have been her friend. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and Joey and Eric and all the rest of her wonderful family. Please stay in touch.

**Julie Dear, Woodbury NJ** - March 03, 2015 at 11:52 AM



“ Thank you, Julie, for your kind words and taking the time to remember Mom. it means so much to us. I know she was always happy to have you visit - and, of course, she was thrilled that you cared enough (even though you were so busy) to pick her up and bring her up to New Jersey to visit - - and then, take the extra time to take her back home. She cared for you very much and often talked about you. I, too, am so grateful that you were such a good friend to her - and to me - - - she would not have had other opportunities to visit me if it were not for your generosity. Again, thank you for all you've done over the years for her. You are one of the most generous people I know and please know I have not forgotten your many kindnesses. Love, Ev & Bob

**Evelyn Scholl** - March 03, 2015 at 09:23 PM

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“ Dear Aunt Ev, Uncle Bob and Family,  
We are so sorry to hear of Ruth's passing. Prince and I send our deepest condolences on the passing of a wonderful mother, grandmother, great grandmother and great, great grandmother. What a blessing to live to see the day your great, great grandchild came into the world!  
We always enjoyed seeing Ruth in NJ. She always had kind words and was especially nice to our daughter Olivia. I remember one time when my mom and I visited her in her home in Woodbury, she went out of her way to make sure Olivia had some cookies to eat. My last memory of Ruth was her sitting calmly in her chair with her feet up in a big empty room eating a sandwich as the chaotic scene of a whole house being packed up and moved a thousand miles away played out around her. She was just going with the flow. That memory makes me smile. May her soul rest in peace!  
Love,  
Rachel, Prince and Family

**Rachel Okparaeke** - March 03, 2015 at 10:04 AM



“ Dear Rachel & Family: Thank you so very much for your support and kind words about my mother. She really loved children and always welcomed them with open arms. We're also blessed to have you in our family - - you are an amazing mother and a warm, loving human being. The world is a much better place with you in it. We truly appreciate everything you've done for us and we look forward to seeing you when you visit Florida.  
Much love, Aunt Evelyn & Uncle Bob

**Evelyn Scholl** - March 03, 2015 at 04:32 PM

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“ We enjoyed Ruth's company when she visited us in Maryland with Bob and Evelyn. She was a gracious guest and a lovely lady. We are glad that her final days were spent with those who loved her.

**Dori DeCicco** - March 03, 2015 at 06:10 AM



“ Dear Dori & Rick: Thank you so much for your kinds words and support. You and Rick made her feel welcomed and part of your family. She especially loved Rick's (Mr. Wonderful!) kiss on her cheek and comment that she is a "beautiful young lady." Hugs and kisses for you both. Much love, Evelyn & Bob

**Evelyn Scholl** - March 03, 2015 at 04:37 PM

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“ We remember Thanksgiving Day, 2013 when Ruthie was among our guests for dinner. After dessert, Ruth retired to the living room and sat down in an easy chair. Soon we realized that our two Bichons, who pestered us during dinner, were nowhere to be found. Then we noticed Ruth in the easy chair in the living room with both puppies, one on either side of her, and all three were fast asleep. From that moment on, they were all buddies. Ruth was such a sweet and gentle lady who will be missed.

Bruce & Andrea Radway

**Bruce Radway** - March 02, 2015 at 11:27 PM



“ Thank you so much, Andrea and Bruce, for your touching memory of Mom. She loved your puppies - and your words brought back so many memories of our first Thanksgiving here in the Villages. You made us feel so welcome - and at home. Thanksgiving was Mom's favorite holiday and whenever we asked her what day it is, she'd say "Thanksgiving" even when the day was in January or February!!! We're truly blessed to have such wonderful friends here. Ev

**Evelyn Scholl** - March 03, 2015 at 10:53 AM