

Mary Lucille “Dolly” Schwalbert, age 99, of Crystal River, Florida passed away September 25, 2022 at Crystal River Health and Rehab. Dolly was born on May 9, 1923 in St. Louis, MO to William Adolph and Viola Louise (Smith) Schwalbert. Dolly attended Monmouth College in Monmouth, IL from 1941 to 1945 where she earned a Bachelor of Science Degree, major in Chemistry and minor in Biology. She was a member of the Beta Beta Beta, Kappa Delta Sorority, WAA International Relations and she was the Exchange Editor for the school paper.



In her professional career, Dolly worked for Vitor Chemical Works 1945 - inorganic Analysis, Food Materials Corp 1946 – Analysis Flavor Compounding, Star Peerless Wall Paper Mills 1947 as a research chemist, Baxter Laboratories – work on the Synthroid organic synthesis, International Minerals and Chemical Corp 1955 then transferred to Florida in 1957 working in inorganic research and then back to Chicago in late 1958 to Baxter Laboratories. Having sand in her shoes, Dolly returned to Florida in 1959 and attended Medical Technology School at Mound Park Hospital. Dolly retired in 1985 from St. Joseph Hospital as Chief Technologist.

She loved animals of all kinds, having horses as a child and fondly remembered a trip with her parents through the countryside and seeing a horse with a colt. She took her mother’s handkerchief, making a note to inquire about selling the horse and colt on the handkerchief, then tied it to the mane of the horse. Returning home to wait, they received a call and was able to purchase the colt named Silas.

Dolly loved to travel with her good friend Carolyn (Hug) and went to Australia, Africa, Canada, Hawaii, Alaska, New Zealand, the British Isles and Paris to name a few. Making many long-lasting friends that kept in touch through the years. She loved golf and going to dinner with friends. Dolly and Hug also had homes in Homosassa, FL and Banner Elk, NC.

In addition to her parents, Dolly was preceded in death by her brother, William Schwalbert and his wife Nell, her nephew, Greg and his wife Beth; her good friend Carolyn Huggins.

Dolly is survived by one nephew, Russ Schwalbert and his wife Jean; a great nephew, Mike Schwalbert and his wife Carla and great nieces, Carolyn Hicks and her husband Greg, Dawn McGarity and her husband Trip, Dana Massey and her husband Ray; great great nephews and nieces and extended family.

The family would like to thank special friend Edie and all her wonderful neighbors and friends in Meadowcrest for their kindness, love and support.

Celebration of life will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday October 21, 2022 at the Brown Funeral Home in Lecanto, FL. Private cremation will take place under the direction of Brown Funeral Home. Inurnment was at the Myrtle Hill Cemetery in Tampa, FL.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Dolly’s memory to First United Methodist Church of Homosassa, FL, 8831 W Bradshaw St. Homosassa, FL 34448 or to a charity of your choice.