



## Ruth Elizabeth Livingston

August 2, 1941 - May 9, 2022

Graveside service for Ruth E Livingston, 80, of Shallowater will be 2:00 p.m. Friday, May 27, 2022 at the Houston National Cemetery, Houston, TX.

She passed away in the presence of family on May 9, 2022 at University Medical Center, Lubbock, TX after a brief acute illness.

Ruth was born August 2, 1941 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to Charles Fortmann and Marie Virginia Semple Fortmann. The Catholic church played an important role in her South Philadelphia community and her deep devotion to her faith continued throughout her lifetime. She met her husband, Richard Lee Livingston, at a USO dance in the late 1950s and they were married on July 9, 1960 in Philadelphia, PA. Ruth and Richard were devoted to one another for 56 years until his passing in 2017. Ruth held a Master's in Education from the University of Maine at Orono. Ruth's chosen field was health information management and she worked and taught in this field until her retirement. After living in Maine for nearly 30 years, Ruth and Richard moved to the Lubbock area in 2010. Ruth was a member of Holy Spirit Catholic Church. Ruth's lifelong interests included knitting and crocheting, scrapbooking, genealogy, science fiction, and her beloved Green Bay Packers football team, a love which she shared with her grandson Colin.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband, and survived by her

daughter, Zoe Metcalf, and son, Mark Livingston, by her four grandchildren, Christopher and Sarah Metcalf and Colin and Shaun Livingston, and by her three beloved kitty companions, Bob, Blue, and Sam.

The family would like to thank the physicians and staff of University Medical Center Cardiovascular ICU, who took such skilled and compassionate care of Ruth in her final days. They would also like to thank the compassionate caregivers who worked with her from Interim Home Health - they gave her great comfort and companionship while she was housebound. And finally, they would also like to thank Deacon Michael Kenny for his steadfast care after her husband passed away, and her neighbors Johnny and Vera Durham, who looked in on her often, and to Butch and Mary Lindsay, to whom she was especially close in her later years. She was, and we are, deeply grateful for the many kindnesses shown by these selfless individuals.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks for donations in Ruth's name to be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, a cause she supported until her passing.

# Cemetery Details

## Houston National Cemetery

10410 Veterans Memorial Drive  
Houston, TX 77038

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

MAY 27. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

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19419 Veterans Memorial Drive  
Houston, TX 77038