



Berdena Mumford

May 18, 1931 - February 8, 2021

Berdena Mumford, 89, born May 18, 1931 in Ellington, Chautauqua County, New York, passed away February 8, 2021 in Ocala, Florida. Berdena "Berdie" to her friends, started her career in Buffalo NY opening a beauty salon in the late 1950's when women owned businesses were unusual, but her entrepreneurial spirit allowed the salon to flourish. She met Jackson "Doc" in this period and they fell in love, married in 1956 and nested in East Aurora NY. Jackson was the town chiropractor there for his career. They had one child, Monica who they raised in East Aurora. As Monica grew, Girl Scouting became Birdie's new passion and she served the Girl Scouts in both New York and Florida for the rest of her life, leading troops, training leaders, camping and coordinating cookie booths. Berdena was preceded in death by her husband of 58 years on July 11, 2014, World War II Naval Veteran, Jackson Giles Mumford, III. She is survived by daughter, Monica Fay Mumford Harris (John)A Memorial service is scheduled for 6PM, Wednesday, March 3, 2021 at Roberts Funeral Homes, East Chapel, 2739 SE Maricamp Road, Ocala, Florida 34471, (352) 732-9944, with Chaplain Herb Agee officiating. Berdena will be placed with her beloved husband, 1PM, Thursday, March 4, 2021 at the Florida National Cemetery, 6502 SW 102nd Avenue, Bushnell, Florida 33513. Please send Memorial contributions in Berdena's name to: Girl Scout of West Central Florida; www.gswcf.org

Tribute Wall

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“*Birdie was one of the sweetest women I've ever had the pleasure to call friend. She and I drove to many trainings together and she was always so wonderful to talk to and I loved hearing her stories. When I was the Service unit product person we worked together to make sure things ran smoothly. During cookie season I was often called on to help with computer problems and to help procure booths. I loved when you called her and had to keep talking to her message and wait for her to pick up as she always screened her calls. It made my day to hear her cheery "Vicki! Hi! I'm here!" She just had the most positive, uplifting personality! I will miss her, but am so happy to know I will see here again one day! God bless you Birdie and my love and prayers go out to all who loved her! ❤️*

Vicki Fouche - March 13, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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“*Mrs. Mumford was the heart and soul of Girl Scouting in East Aurora, NY. She seemed to have unlimited energy and enthusiasm in everything she did. My sympathies go to her daughter, Monica, and her other loved ones. With love, affection, admiration, and thanks. Laura Suttell*

Laura Suttell - March 12, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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“ I have fond memories of Mrs. Mumford when she was my Girl Scout leader in EA. I can remember organizing a huge garage sale with her as we were earning money to travel to Williamsburg VA. I also fondly remember troop camping trips at Seven Hills and staying in a big lodge where we slept, ate, cooked and did activities. I think it was in the winter and I remember being in the woods and building a campfire. She was a wonderful leader and I still laugh about some of the things that happened on our trip to VA. Sorry to hear of her passing. It sounds like she led a wonderful life after she was my scout leader.

Jennifer Reardon - March 12, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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“ Birdie will be greatly missed. I still can remember walking into my first training class with her years ago when I moved to Florida. That was all it took. Years of being mentored by this amazing lady helped build my passion for Girl Scouts. As we are in the heart of cookie season I still find myself thinking I can just call Birdie and find out whose booth was at a certain location.

Raelene Morrison - February 24, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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“ The day Berdie walked into the Girl Scout office, we knew she would be a great asset to our volunteers and girls. From training our leaders on the rules of cookie booths to finding great locations for cookie booths and great relationships with store managers and checking on girls running booths was just 1 part of Berdie's volunteer duties in Girl Scouts! If you took one of her trainings, you were set to be a great leader! She over saw the Marion County trainers and kept recruiting more to make sure there were trainings available. Have a question on Girl Scouts and she had the answer. She joined the adult award committee to make sure volunteers were recognized as a leader, trainer, service units , events and much more Her role working with girls was another passion. It was important for her to train Girl Scout Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors the High awards! Bronze, Silver and Gold awards Berdie made sure the trainings were offered in Marion County. Girls traveled from all over our 8 counties to take her trainings. To think Berdie volunteered for 50 years for Girl Scouts. The end of our Girl Scout Law says to "be a sister to every Girl Scout and to make the world a better place" Berdie did just that! I wonder how many people she helped over these past 50 years in Girl Scouts! We were blessed she was apart of our lives! She will be missed.

Julie Linhart - February 24, 2021 at 12:00 AM