



Cheryl Ridgeway

June 29, 1944 - July 25, 2025

Cheryl Ridgeway, 81, of Ocala, Florida, passed away peacefully on July 25, 2025.

Born in Paterson, New Jersey, Cheryl spent many years in Melbourne, Florida before moving to

Ocala three years ago. She was known for her good-natured personality, sharp humor, and the ability to make everyone laugh. You never knew what to expect when visiting Cheryl—but you could count on being entertained. Her laughter and spirit will be remembered forever.

Cheryl was a longtime member of River Run Church, where she made close and lasting friendships.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Gene Ridgeway; her parents, George F. Converse and Marie Steed; her siblings Frank C. Converse, Hazel Coningford, and Marie Randolph; and her son, Ralph Allen Lacey III (“Chip”).

She is survived by her daughters, Deborah Popp, and Brenda Newland; her sisters, Georgie

Shinton and Jamie Verhulst; six grandchildren—William Sherman, Jessica Kelsey, Bobbie

Sherman, Amanda Rasmussen, Ryan Shaw, and Brandon Beck; and nine great-grandchildren—

Angelique Sherman, Kaila Shaw, Connor Beck, Alexis Shaw, Emma Murphy, Ava Murphy,

Carson Beck, Magnus Rasmussen, and Emmett Rasmussen.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Cheryl's memory to the Kidney Foundation.

Tribute Wall

JC

“ We are very sorry to learn of Aunt Cherie’s passing. May she rest in peace and be welcomed home by those waiting patiently for us. Our thoughts and prayers are shared with all that knew and loved her, especially Debbie and Brenda. I shared an old photo of Grandma and her girls in remembrance. Love and peace to all, JR



JR Coningford - August 12, 2025 at 08:51 PM

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I love this photo! Thank you JR, love and miss you.

Deborah Popp - September 03, 2025 at 05:02 PM

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What a beautiful photo and sentiments! Thank you JR for sharing this! Lots of love!

Brenda Newland - September 09, 2025 at 05:44 PM

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healing.

Over the years, we found moments of friendship, little connections that built something new between us. And in the final chapter of her life, I was given a gift—the opportunity to be present with her. I visited often during her last month in the nursing home. We talked, sat in silence, remembered, and slowly found

Brenda Newland - July 30, 2025 at 08:25 AM