



Helen Cromwell

April 2, 1925 - August 13, 2019

Helen Ann Amideo Cromwell of Ocala entered into eternal rest after a brief illness on August 13, 2019.

Born on April 2, 1925 in New York City, she was the daughter of Pasquale and Adeline Agostinelli Amideo. On October 11, 1947, at St. Gabriel Catholic Church in Queens, NY, she married Benjamin Gerard "Ben" Cromwell, her loving husband of 71 years.

Her early education was at public schools in Newtown in the Borough of Queens, followed by attending an area business school. She then worked as a secretary at Asiatic Petroleum, where she met her future husband.

Following their marriage, Ben and Helen lived in Queens and then on Long Island, New York in Franklin Square, Jericho, and Syosset. After raising their three children, Helen was employed as a secretary and then office manager before moving to the Oak Run community in Ocala in 1988. In Ocala, she was a charter member of Joy Evangelical Lutheran Church, where she was very involved in church ministries.

Helen was an avid card player and she bowled with her husband for many years. She also loved to cook and entertain family and friends, especially on holidays and when her children and grandchildren came to visit. Her love for Jesus was evident from her reading of daily devotionals and active involvement with others in her faith community.

Helen was survived by her husband, Ben, who died in 2021, and by three children: Deborah (Michael) Miller of Kingsport, Tennessee; Jean Blacklidge of

Ocala; and Stephen (Kathy) Cromwell of Sudbury, Massachusetts. She also has 8 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. Inurnment will be at Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, Florida, Thursday, November 18, 2021. Memorials, if desired, may be made to Joy Evangelical Lutheran Church in Ocala.