



## Ruth Garland Shoptaugh Olive

July 15, 1930 - April 15, 2022

Lexington, Kentucky - Ruth Garland Shoptaugh Olive, 91, passed away on Good Friday, April 15, 2022. She was born in Baton Rouge, Louisiana to John Royal and Ruth Dupuy Shoptaugh. She earned a degree from Louisiana State University, where she met her husband, Wilds Williamson (Bill) Olive and they shared 49 years together. Ruth is preceded in death by her husband, parents, and brothers John Royal Shoptaugh, Jr. and James Noah Shoptaugh.

Ruth and Bill enjoyed extensive travels and lived in Montana, Peru, Argentina, Indonesia and other US cities during Bill's employment with the USGS before retiring to Midway, Kentucky. Their love of travel extended to their vacations, especially the Caribbean island of Nevis, where they made life-long friends.

Ruth was a homemaker and community volunteer. She devoted her time, with enthusiasm, wit and humor, to the International Book Project, Planned Parenthood, National Society of Arts and Letters, the alto section of Lexington Singers, as well as several Presbyterian congregations where she was a member.

She is survived by sons Lindsay Calvin (Rose) Olive and James Shepherd (Rev. Wanda B.) Olive, grandchildren James Lindsay Olive and Sarah Carolyn Olive, and two great-grandchildren, Bailey Bocko and Graceson Olive.

Visitation will be Thursday, April 28, 2022 at First Presbyterian Church, 171 Market Street, Lexington, Kentucky, at 10:00 a.m., followed by a celebration of life memorial at 11:00 a.m. A private interment will follow at Midway Cemetery.

The family is grateful for the kind assistance by all the staff of Baptist Health

who were involved with Ruth's care over the past year. Memorials may be directed to First Presbyterian Church, Lexington; International Book Project, or Planned Parenthood.

## Cemetery Details

### Midway Cemetery

Midway, KY

## Previous Events

### A celebration of life memorial

APR 15. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church  
171 Market Street  
Lexington, KY

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ruth Garland Shoptaugh Olive*

February 01, 2023 at 11:02 AM



“ *If this is the Ruth Olive who was a member of the Lexington Singers years ago, I want to tell you how sorry I am for her passing. In the summer of 1974, we traveled to Romania on a three week choral tour with the Singers and she was so much fun! I'm sure she'll be sorely missed who all who knew and loved her.*

*Sincerely,*

*Carol "Cookie" Leet*

*Archivist for the Lexington Singers*

**Cookie Leet** - April 27, 2022 at 03:01 PM



“ *I have many fond memories of Aunt Ruth. She was such a wonderful lady who was truly one of a kind. I'm so fortunate to have spent so much time with her at our annual beach trips these last 15 years, and that our oldest daughter Ruthie got to know her as well. She will be missed by all of the Shoptaughs in Baton Rouge.*

**Riley Landry** - April 26, 2022 at 12:45 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ruth Garland Shoptaugh Olive.*



April 26, 2022 at 12:28 PM

KB

“Ruth was a lovely, fun person! I met her through the Midway Woman’s Club where we served on the same board and committees. My daughter and I often biked over to her house to visit and she would always give us magazines she was done with, and my daughter would play with her dog. We always enjoyed our visits! May Peace Be With her and May Peace Be with her family. — Kelly Brengelman

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**Kelly Brengelman** - April 24, 2022 at 01:17 PM

LH

*My loyal and generous friend, Ruth, will be missed. But well remembered.*

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**LaDona Hudson** - April 24, 2022 at 06:57 PM

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*Ruth was a dear person. We shared choir singing, and discovered that each other was a part of a Methodist Youth Caravan in our youth. In recent years we were "just" telephone friends, but I shall miss even that. Doris Elliott*

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**Doris Elliott** - April 27, 2022 at 04:37 PM

GG

“Ruth was one of my favorite people. Playing bridge with her and Sara Porter was one of the best ways to spend an afternoon or evening. I hope the Olive family’s memories of Ruth are a comfort to them. Genie Graf, Midway

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**Genie Graf** - April 24, 2022 at 12:39 PM