



## Luella Mae Crofut

March 1, 1930 - August 1, 2020

Luella Mae Crofut, 90, passed away August 1, 2020. She was born March 1, 1930 in Stone Creek, Ohio to the late Aaron and Odilla (Mae) Hawk. In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her sister, Catherine.

Luella came to Sarasota in 1957 from Massillon, Ohio. She was a member of the Model A Ford Club and Bee Ridge Presbyterian Church. She and her husband Byron made an incredible impact on our community. They bought all the Ringling Brothers barns. In 1986 they bought the Fruitville Grove which continues in the family to this day two generations later. She loved square dancing and traveling the world. When she was raising her children, every summer the family would set out on adventures around the US arriving back in town for her children to start school again. They went through 13 motor homes and covered many many miles.

Luella raised and gave away money for those in need. She worked very hard her whole life and left an incredible legacy for her family and friends.

Left to cherish her memory are her husband of 67 years, Byron; son, Scott Crofut and his wife Shelly of Myakka City, Florida; daughter, Kim White and her husband Terry of Sarasota; brother, Eugene Hawk and his wife Nancy of Massillon, Ohio; grandchildren, Brent Crofut and his wife Haley, Brad Crofut and his wife Krystle, Nadia Taylor and her husband Jonathan, Yossef Elmenani, Sofie Nguyen and her husband Stephen and Mina Elmenani; and great granddaughter, Evelyn Taylor.

There will be a Celebration of Life service to be announced. Memorial contributions may be made in her honor to a charity of your choice. Arrangements are being handled for the family by Maloney Funeral Home. [www.MFHcares.com](http://www.MFHcares.com)

# Cemetery

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## **Sarasota National Cemetery**

9810 State Road 72

Sarasota, FL, 34241

# Comments

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“ I met Mrs. Crofut at CVS and we talked a bit. She was an interesting person and left quite an impression. Great meeting her. Sorry for your loss.

**Kathryn Touvelle** - August 21 at 01:49 PM

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“ What a wonderful Lady. I had the pleasure of getting to know Lu and Byron back growing up as friends with Scott and Kim. Hard working lady is a understatement Always made me feel welcome. Enjoy touring thru the many garages and barns to look at all of their amazing collections. Heaven gained a beautiful soul and she's busy giving orders already. RIP Mrs. C

**Colleen Giles-Bailiff** - August 10 at 08:27 AM

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“ My sincere condolences to Byron and the entire Crofut family.

Carolyn J. Mason

**Carolyn Jean Mason** - August 07 at 04:00 PM