



## Ruth F. Bock (Kunerth)

January 8, 1918 - April 4, 2024

Ruth F. Bock (Kunerth) passed away April 4, 2024. She is preceded in death by her husband, Ed Bock, former president of Monsanto, her parents, Lydia and Dr. William Kunerth, a physics professor at Iowa State University, and her sister, Dr. Bernice Watt.

Ruth was born January 8, 1918, in Ames, IA. She attended Iowa State University, where she was a member of the Mortar Board, managing editor of the campus magazine, received Journalism and Music Honoraries, and served as president of her sorority, Pi Beta Phi. Upon graduating she worked for Hanson Laboratories, NY, as Director of Home Economics. She married Ed Bock in 1941. While living in Trenton, MI, she was a freelance writer and worked for the Wyandotte Tribune newspaper. Before moving to St. Louis, the Bocks lived in Anniston, AL and Columbia, TN. Ruth served on the boards of Goodwill Auxiliary and the YWCA, was an active member of her church groups, and volunteered at St. Louis Children's Hospital.

Ruth is survived by her children Barbara of Shelter Cove, CA, Edward III (Mary) of Minneapolis, MN, Nancy (Steve) Percy and Roger (Donna) of St. Louis; grandchildren Amy Lundstrom (Larry Mills) of Shelter Cove, CA, Stuart Percy and Beth (Jeff) Nelson of St. Louis and Charles (Kara) Percy of Panama City Beach, FL; great-grandchildren Graham and Chase Nelson, and Parys Percy. Also survived by nephews WB Watt (Melinda) of Memphis, TN

and John (Philomina) Jacox of Bettendorf, IA, and niece Martha Gaines (Charlton) of Winchester, VA.

A private family service will be held at a future date. Memorials would be appreciated to the Ed and Ruth Bock Endowed Athletic Scholarship, #2700724, Iowa State University, Jacobson Bldg, Ames, IA, 50011, Ladue Chapel, 9450 Clayton Rd, Ladue, MO 63124, or to a charity of one's choice.