



## Aurelia N Schmeiser

July 4, 1917 - September 9, 2019

Aurelia Natalie Schmeiser, age 102, died peacefully on September 9, 2019 at the Bailey Family Center for Caring.

Aurelia was born on July 4, 1917 in Nanticoke, Pa. a small coal mining town settled by Polish and Slovak immigrants. The youngest of three children of Daniel and Veronica Sakowski, she attended local schools and hoped to become a high school English teacher. Financial difficulties during the Depression forced her to change career goals leading her to graduate as a registered nurse in 1938. She distinguished herself in the nursing profession by initiating the first cardiac care unit at Staten Island Hospital (New York) where she was a nursing supervisor/instructor. During her daughters' school years she worked part-time and was active in the local PTAs. In 1975, long after seeing her children graduate from college and while working as a full-time pediatric supervisor, she returned to school and received her B.S. from St. Francis College. She continued her nursing responsibilities until her retirement in 1979.

Aurelia moved from Staten Island to Gainesville in 1997 to be closer to her daughter Lynne and enjoy her retirement. She was an avid reader, traveler and a beloved resident of Woodcreek Village. She was program chairman of Golden Gators Senior Social Club, and an active member of Gardenia Circle of The Gainesville Garden Club and H2U of North Florida Regional Medical Center.

In 2018, following her daughter Lynne's move to St. Augustine, Aurelia

resided at The Allegro Senior Living Community. She was preceded in death by her husband, William F. Schmeiser. She is survived by her two daughters, Lynne Randazzo (Tony) St. Augustine, Veronika Fukson Berkeley, CA, three grandsons, Kirk Randazzo (Rochelle), Jeff Randazzo (Becky), Vasya Fukson (Alythea), and five great-grandchildren (Dylan, Jake, Ty, Jack and Nina). Other survivors include her nephew (Peter Calinski) and two nieces (Carolyn Sakowski and Margaret Moore).

Aurelia was a devout Catholic, attending Holy Faith Catholic Church in Gainesville and St. Anastasia Catholic Church in St. Augustine. Prayers at these churches will be offered at future masses.

Her family thanks the care givers in Gainesville and the caring and professional staff at The Allegro and Community Hospice. Their kindness and personal attention to her needs are most appreciated.

Donations in her memory may be sent to St Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 ([stjude.org](http://stjude.org)).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Meat & Cheese Sympathy Gift Crate was purchased for the family of Aurelia N Schmeiser.* ”



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September 18, 2019 at 02:22 PM



Karen Calinski

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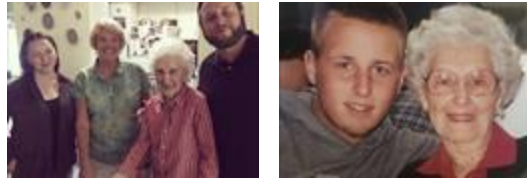


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**Karen Calinski** - September 14, 2019 at 09:30 AM

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“ *Sending all my love to you all. I'll always cherish the moments with Granny. In the 1989 Earthquake grandma asked me if a truck just went by the house. At Jeff's wedding she called me Hershey (Lynne and Tony's chocolate lab) after a few glasses of wine. She was 1 of a kind. She brought us all together to celebrate her birthday in recent years and whenever I have/will celebrate the 4th of July I'll always be thinking of her. Love you grandma!* ”



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**Vasya Fukson** - September 14, 2019 at 02:28 AM

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“ *On my first ever trip to NYC, we stayed with Aunt Rel. She was such a kind and gracious host! I was too young to know it then, but looking back, It is easy to see why her family is so exceptional. I am blessed to have met her.* ”

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**Dan and Angela Calinski** - September 13, 2019 at 10:47 PM

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**Pete** - September 13, 2019 at 10:16 PM