



## Ria Bell Schmitz

August 28, 1929 - October 15, 2020

Ria Bell Schmitz

Place of birth: Frankfurt, Germany

Ria Bell Schmitz resided most of her life in Miami, FL, who passed away quietly early Thursday morning, October 15, 2020, in Orlando, FL.

Ria was born August 28, 1929 to Wilhelm and Elise Bell in Frankfurt Germany. After World War II, she married and immigrated to the United States. She worked as a beautician and eventually started her own salon in Miami Beach, Florida, where she worked until her retirement. She will be remembered lovingly for her independence, enjoyment of the beach, quirky sense of humor, kindness and love of children and family.

Ria was predeceased by her former husband, Heinrich Joseph Schmitz; her sister Hanni Smith; her brother Werner Bell and youngest sister, Renate Aurea Erazo Hernandez.

She leaves behind her children, Wilfried Joseph Schmitz (w. Joyce Claudia), Reinhard (Reiner) Joseph Schmitz (w. Theresa Jean), Elfy Schmitz Zakovsky, Arno Heinz Schmitz, Monique Christina Schmitz Canna (h. Raymond); grandchildren, Jennifer Belinda Desormoux, William (Billy) Leonard Kersey,

Michael Paul Kersey, Christopher (Chris) Lee Schmitz , Amanda Elizabeth Brumitte, Heidi Zakovsky, Robert Joseph Zakovsky Jr.; Seven great-grandchildren, Isabella, Brayden, Camron, Olivia, Tucker, Mason and Wesley; and numerous other relatives in the U.S. and Germany, and dear friends.

Mom was the strongest, most compassionate and determined person we have ever known. Her greatest joy was caring for others especially children. There is not a person that grew up or visited her household that wasn't loved and cared for by Mom. We always had a house full. Mom made sure they were well fed and wanted for nothing. She loved each of them. We hope they know just how much joy they brought to her life.

Going on without her will not be easy but she left us all with much to remember her by. We should each learn from her example and live our lives as fully as she did. She will be dearly missed.

# Cemetery Details

## Chapel Hill Cemetery

2400 Harrell Road  
Orlando, FL 32817

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

OCT **24**. 11:00 AM (ET)

A Community Funeral Home & Sunset Cremations  
910 W. Michigan Street  
Orlando, FL 32805  
(407) 841-4424  
<https://www.acommunityfuneralhome.com/>

## Cremation Interment

OCT **24**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Chapel Hill Cemetery  
2400 Harrell Road  
Orlando, FL 32817

# Tribute Wall

WT

“ Werner Jr., Kathy and Todd purchased the Vivid Recollections for the family of Ria Bell Schmitz.



Werner Jr., Kathy and Todd - October 23, 2020 at 01:46 PM

ST

“ Sabal Pointe Apartments Management Team purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ria Bell Schmitz.



Sabal Pointe Apartments Management Team - October 23, 2020 at 12:39 PM

EZ

“ Elfy S Zakovsky lit a candle in memory of Ria Bell Schmitz



Elfy S Zakovsky - October 22, 2020 at 02:07 PM

FT

“ From The Taylor's purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Ria Bell Schmitz.



From The Taylor's - October 22, 2020 at 08:57 AM

JF

“ Jay & Jo Ann Feeney purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Ria Bell Schmitz.



Jay & Jo Ann Feeney - October 21, 2020 at 09:28 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ria Bell Schmitz.



October 20, 2020 at 02:07 PM

MG

“ Much love the Gericke's purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Ria Bell Schmitz.



Much love the Gericke's - October 20, 2020 at 09:28 AM

WS

“ Wilfried and Joyce Schmitz purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Ria Bell Schmitz.



Wilfried and Joyce Schmitz - October 19, 2020 at 08:22 PM



“ *She was so sweet and loved her children and loved to stay active*

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**Gaile Burton** - October 18, 2020 at 09:00 PM