

**Ruth A. Varnum**

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Ruth A. Varnum, 76, of North Redington Beach, Fla., died Feb. 2, 2014, at the St. Petersburg Consulate Nursing Home. A son, Thomas Varnum Jr. who died in infancy, preceded her in death.

She is survived by Thomas Varnum, her husband of 57 years; four children, Lisa Miller (Melvin), Natalie Wiest (Gary), Jeffrey Varnum and Cristi Purpura (Patrick) who live in Hillsborough County, Fla.; two sisters, Shirley Carter and Nedra Neville of Grinnell, Iowa; four grandchildren and four great grandchildren. A memorial service will be held in Grinnell at a later date.

