



Alice Marilyn Swanson

January 1, 1934 - December 18, 2022

Alice M. Swanson died at age 88, on December 17th, 2022, after a valiant fight with Parkinson's Disease. Alice was the first baby born on January 1st in Waycross Georgia in 1934. Her family eventually settled in Baldwin, Florida when she was seven years old.

After graduating High School she married the love of her life, Willard Jerome Swanson, joining him in San Diego, CA, where he was serving in the U.S. Navy. They became the parents of two children, Verna Lynne and Richard Alan. Due to the peripatetic nature of military life, Alice contented herself with homemaking and service to her church and community. She was a lifelong member of the United Methodist Church, devout Christian, and especially loved teaching 2nd grade Sunday School and vacation Bible School.

After Will retired from the Coast Guard, the family moved to Melbourne Florida, where he and Alice resided for fifty years. While there, Alice fulfilled a lifelong dream of attending college, earning her associate's degree from Brevard Community. Due to health concerns, Will and Alice relocated to Tallahassee in 2020, to be near family.

She and Will had a daily routine for years, while in Melbourne, of meeting with a large group of friends and family for breakfast at McDonalds. The group was ever expanding, due to the welcoming and fun nature of this long standing

social enterprise.

Alice is preceded in death by her parents, Ira R. and Verda Mae Mangum Harrison, her brothers Theodore, Ray, and Richard Harrison and sister Ruth Harrison Ingram. She is survived by her husband of nearly 71 years, Will Swanson; children Verna Lynne S. Brock (Ed) of Wakulla Station, FL; and Richard Alan (Kent) of Chicago, IL; her brother Jack E. (Sally) of Fernandina Beach, FL; grandchildren E. Alan Brock of St.Pete, FL; Anna Brock Simmons (Josh); Eden Marie Rodgers (Brian), both of Crawfordville, FL; and Mary Emma Smith (Matt) of Grand Ridge, FL; grandchildren Brennan and Avery Simmons; Harrison and Harper Rodgers; and Brooke, Lana and Kara Smith; as well as many beloved nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Tapestry Senior Living in Tallahassee, on January 21, 2023, at 2:00 pm. The family requests donations be made to Big Bend Hospice in lieu of flowers.

Skip and Trey Young along with Paula and Kimberly with Family Funeral Home at Harvey Young Chapel, are assisting the family with their arrangements. 850-926-5919 Familyfhc.com

Tribute Wall



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Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services - December 20, 2022 at 10:13 AM