



Olga Byrnes

April 14, 1923 - January 5, 2019

Olga Byrnes devoted wife and mother, passed away peacefully at Brookdale St. Augustine on Saturday January 5, 2019. Olga was born April 14, 1923 to the late Elvira and Joseph Rebechi. She was one of 6 children, all of whom were born and raised in Philadelphia. Olga attended John Bartram High School, where she had been president of the National Honor Society. Following graduation she worked for the civil service at the Customs House in Philadelphia. In 1942 she married her beloved husband Jack, who was serving in the U.S. Navy aboard the destroyer USS Jenkins. Jack's ship had been off the coast of Casablanca during the occupation of French Northwest Africa and he was about to ship out to the South Pacific.

Following the war Jack and Olga started a family. Their son John was born in 1946 and their daughter Christine arrived in 1951. They moved from Philadelphia to Westmont, NJ where they lived until 1981 when Jack retired from the Philadelphia Navy Yard. They relocated to Deerfield Beach, FL and later moved to Palm Coast, FL.

Olga was known for many things, especially her terrific wit and sense of humor. She was good at everything she put her hand to. As a young girl she made all her own clothing. She was an excellent cook and truly enjoyed decorating her home. No one could beat her at pinochle! And she loved going to bingo, especially when accompanied by her sisters. She loved her pets, which over the years included canaries, hamsters, ducks, chickens, and her dogs Taffy, Misty, Duffy and Molly.

But Olga's life was centered on her family, to whom she was very devoted. She is survived by her son Jack (Becky), Haddonfield, NJ; her daughter Chris, Cape May, NJ; grandchildren Erin (Tom), Kelly, Jackie, and Mike and her sisters Dolores Allan and Eleanor Abbott. She is predeceased by her dear husband Jack, to who she had been married for 61 years; and by her sisters Josephine and Norma and her brother Alfred. Olga's family would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to the staff at Brookdale St. Augustine where she had been a resident for the last 7 years, and to the staff of Vitas, her hospice care organization. In remembrance of Olga, donation can be made to a charity of

choice.

Comments



“ I remember my Aunt Olga with many fond memories. She is loving, patient, and forgiving. These characteristics were also especially appreciated when her son and my cousin Jacky and I started a fire in the basement of her house when we were kids. No permanent harm was done to the house.

My condolences to the family.

Jerry Marano - January 11, 2019 at 12:22 PM



“ Such a loving tribute to a very lovely lady. Aunt Olga was the life of the party and always put a smile on the faces of those she knew and loved. May she Rest In Peace.

Linda - January 11, 2019 at 11:21 AM