



Evelyn M De Barbieris

January 3, 1927 - February 9, 2024

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On January 3, 1927, Evelyn Mae Murray was born in New Orleans, LA, to Anita and George M. Murray. As a 7-month premature baby who could fit inside a cigar box, Evelyn would fight for survival several times during her childhood. These early years created a strong-willed, fierce spirit that sustained her through the many challenges of her long life. In December 1945, she met the love of her life, Irvin H. De Barbieris, and the two were joined in Holy Matrimony on February 1, 1947. It was a passionate marriage that lasted more than 57 years until Irvin passed in 2004. After that, Evelyn's fierce spirit would be tested by the damage inflicted on her New Orleans home by Hurricane Katrina in 2005. The Hurricane proved to be no match for her unyielding desire to return to her home. Evelyn lived in that home for over 50 years until, in 2017, at the age of 90, she allowed herself to be persuaded to move to Tallahassee to live with her middle daughter. Once she settled into her new life in Tallahassee, Evelyn became active in numerous art activities at the Senior Center, where she was a favorite of instructors and fellow artists. She also became involved in the Prayer Shawl Ministry of Good Shepherd Catholic Church, utilizing needle skills she mastered at a young age while knitting sweaters for children in war-torn England. Evelyn will be celebrated in a private Celebration of Life ceremony later in or near her hometown of New Orleans.

Evelyn is survived by her younger sister, Lois M. Philburn of Metairie, LA; her

daughters, Jean De Barbieris of Tallahassee (Skip Owen) and Gay De Barbieris of Columbia, South Carolina (Jay Lord); granddaughters Michelle Lynn Mancuso and D'Alene Lynn Owen; and great-granddaughter, Ashlee Courtlynn Mancuso, along with 12 nieces, five nephews, and too many grand nieces and nephews to count. Evelyn was preceded in death by her eldest daughter, Lynn De Barbieris Mancuso, in 2000 and her husband, Irvin H. De Barberis, in 2004.

The family is being cared for by Jackie Fulford and James Sircy of Young Fulford Funeral Home and Crematory, 850.610.4444