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Ann Choppin - beloved wife and mother, exceptional cook, and noted hostess - died August 12, 2021, at home in Tallahassee, Florida, attended by her children and grandchildren. Ann was born November 8, 1927 in New Orleans, Louisiana, to Leo and May (nee Schaff) Warner, the second of two daughters. She attended St. Joseph's Academy through high school and received a Bachelor of Science in Biology from St. Mary's Dominican College. Ann learned to cook classic New Orleans-style recipes from her mother and continued to broaden her repertoire through travel and exposure to varied culinary traditions.

Ann met Gregory Choppin, the love of her life, during a picnic at a friend's house on Lake Pontchartrain when she was a senior in high school. They married in 1951 and enjoyed a long, happy, and rewarding partnership for nearly 64 years until Greg's death in 2015. Following Greg's postdoctoral work at the Lawrence Livermore Laboratory in Berkley, California, Ann and Greg came to Tallahassee in 1956 when Greg was appointed professor of chemistry at Florida State University. They established and maintained numerous long friendships with fellow FSU faculty and families across a wide diversity of disciplines in both the arts and sciences.

Ann loved international travel, learning about the arts, architecture, and rich cultural heritage of new places. Greg's work coupled with Ann's warm hospitality attracted students, postdoctoral scholars, and colleagues from around the world, leading to life-long friendships and many opportunities to visit far-flung locales. When those friends and colleagues congregated in Tallahassee, Ann hosted dinner parties, picnics, cook-outs. The Oysters Rockefeller table was never unattended.

Ann was active in many volunteer pursuits throughout her life including LeMoyne Arts,

Meals on Wheels, and League of Women Voters among others. She was invariably a homeroom mother when her children were young and often also served as a school clinic Gray Lady. She greatly enjoyed the serenity of her lakeside home in Tallahassee and the beach at St. George Island.

Ann was preceded in death by her sister, Margie McCormick, by husband Greg Choppin, son Paul Choppin, and grandson Marc McCall. She is survived by daughters Denise Choppin (Paul McCall), Suzanne Choppin (Mike Brezin), Nadine Choppin Wagner (William Wagner); and by grandchildren Keith McCall (Ana Goñi-Lessan), Mia Brezin McVay (Jeremiah Brezin McVay), Rhemy Brezin, and Madeline Brezin.

A private graveside funeral service was held. Memorial contributions may be made to Meals on Wheels of Tallahassee.

Susie Mozolic of Bevis Funeral Home is assisting the family with their arrangements. (www.bevisfh.com 850-385-2193)