



Beatrice Valerie Hoffmann Strickland

July 21, 1917 - January 30, 2025

Beatrice Valerie Hoffmann Strickland went home to be with her Lord and Savior on January 30, 2025, at the remarkable age of 107. Born on July 21, 1917, in New York to Joseph and Florence Powell, she grew up in Maspeth, Queens and was the baby sister to brothers Joe and Al and big sister, Florence.

In the 1940s, Beatrice met and married John James Hoffmann, a Navy veteran of WWII and in 1947, they welcomed their only son, John Bruce Hoffmann. The family later moved to Miami in the 1950s, where Beatrice embraced a variety of roles—from homemaker and egg inspector to accomplished businesswoman. She launched her own scarf company and later worked as a licensed real estate salesperson, demonstrating her entrepreneurial spirit and determination.

Beatrice was a lifelong advocate of health and wellness, faithfully taking her monthly dose of cod liver oil. She remained active well into her later years, enjoying tennis, golf, and various fitness routines. Known for her sharp wit and love of a good joke, she also had a passion for crossword puzzles and Sudoku.

In 1986, Beatrice married Murray "Strick" Strickland, and together they made their home in Melbourne, Florida, for many years. She had a deep love for nature, especially birds, and was known to welcome an egret, affectionately

named "Whitey," into her home for feedings.

One of the greatest joys of her life was becoming a grandmother when her grandson, Travis, was born in 1998—almost on her own birthday. She was even more delighted when Travis married Carol Frances Shaw in 2023 and cherished their visits.

At the age of 100, after living independently in Brevard County for many years, Beatrice relocated to Tallahassee to be closer to her family. Her final years were spent in the care of The Grove at Canopy, where she was lovingly looked after. The family is deeply grateful to her caregivers and to the compassionate team at Big Bend Hospice.

Beatrice is survived by her son, J. Bruce Hoffmann (Marion); her grandson, Travis Eugene Hoffmann (Carol Frances); her stepson, Jim Strickland; her step-daughter-in-law, Connie Strickland; and her nieces, Valerie and Paulette Powell.

A celebration of Beatrice's life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations in her honor may be made to Big Bend Hospice, 1723 Mahan Center Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32308.

Beatrice lived a long, full life filled with love, laughter, faith and an unwavering spirit. She will be deeply missed but fondly remembered by all who knew her and encourages you to always remember to eat your fruits and vegetables!

Rocky Bevis and Kelly Barber of Bevis Funeral Home (850-385-2193 or www.bevisfh.com) are assisting the family with their arrangements.