



Irma Rodriguez Waddell

August 12, 1925 - March 23, 2023

Irma Rodriguez Waddell, age 97 of Tallahassee, passed away Thursday, March 23, 2023.

She was born and raised in Tampa, FL and worked as a dental hygienist when she met and subsequently married Tom Waddell of Thomaston, GA. After the birth of their daughter, Leslie, they moved to Tallahassee.

Tom was the head of the Florida Association of Life and Casualty Insurers and later of council for the Joe Boyd law firm. Irma was in real estate; buying, upgrading and renting homes. She was the original “Fixer Upper”! She loved politics along with the banter, FSU football and tennis.

Irma enjoyed cooking, especially wonderful Spanish meals for her family and friends. She spoke fluent Spanish and enjoyed traveling abroad.

Survivors include her daughter, Leslie Smith of Birmingham and two grandchildren, Tricia Smith and Julian Smith of Tallahassee. While not blood related, Jim Thielen, who helped and cared for her like a son.

A private memorial service will be held at a later date.

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