



Vivian L. Reinhardt

January 20, 1929 - June 8, 2025

Vivian L. Reinhardt, 96, who will be forever known as Viva, passed away on Sunday, June 8, 2025 in Tallahassee FL with her youngest daughter Lisa at her side. Born in Indianapolis, Indiana on January 20, 1929, Viva was the daughter of the late Paul and Carrie (Ringen) Gutzwiller. She was united in marriage to Robert C. Reinhardt on August 20, 1949. They were married for 42 years.

Together, Viva and Bob raised a family of seven in their Frank Lloyd Wright style home which they designed and built themselves on the southside of Indianapolis. Viva created a life for her family full of imagination and artistry. She had a talent for making special one of kind projects for events and celebrations, sewing, entertaining, and a penchant for experimenting with new recipes. At heart, Viva was a storyteller and a great listener.

In order to fulfill a lifelong dream of living in Florida, Viva and Bob moved to Sarasota in 1980. She loved having visitors and was always ready to welcome family and friends to enjoy the beach, explore the area, and share their stories. For Viva, life was a celebration.

Viva's dedication to service of others extended far beyond her family. She was quick to help anyone in need and was especially drawn to volunteer service. This included reading remediation with children in schools, volunteering at the food bank, court observer for the Committee on Fairness and Equity, and

volunteering at St. Michael's. She often talked about being the spotter for the maintenance man anytime he was up on a ladder.

As with most families, Viva's was complicated. Her father had a son, Paul Gutzwiller Jr., by his first marriage that she barely knew. Unfortunately, Paul passed in 1976 just as they were getting to know each other. Paul's children, Steve Gutzwiller (Joan) and Emily Vance (Wayne) continued to share family history with Viva that she missed by not knowing her half-brother.

Viva was preceded in death by her husband Bob in 1991. After Bob passed, Viva was remarried to Steve Tumbry and was blessed with two stepsons, Steve "Butch" and Tom Tumbry(Lois). Steve preceded her in death in 2005.

Viva was also preceded in death by her eldest son Robert(Sara), her grandson Nathan Reinhardt, her brother John L. Gutzwiller, as well as his wife Dorothy M. and their daughter, Vickie Lynn Gutzwiller, Viva's beloved niece.

Survivors include her sons Marc (Marissa), Alan (Denise), David (Lori), Chris (Glenna); her daughters Teri Daniels (Steve) and Lisa Vickers (Cass); 15 grandchildren, Max, Brett, Dominic (Lexie), Westen (Amy), Melyssa (Quin), Stephanie, Kim, Carrie, Ross (Abby), Philip (Joanna), Kathryn (Brian), Alex, Sara, Adriana (Duncan), Daniela; 3 step grandchildren, Jason, Jarrett, Ross(Rebecca); 12 great grandchildren Kylee, Brianna, Mirabelle, Lyndon, Conley, Daniel, Everett, Valerie, Mathis, Lyonel, Eden Vivian, Raelynn; 4 step great grandchildren, Emma, Jacob, Melodi, Averi; and 2 nephews, John P. (Anna) and Joseph(Julie) Gutzwiller.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church at 5394 Midnight Pass Rd., Sarasota FL on Tuesday, July 8, 2025, at 11:00 a.m., followed by interment in Sarasota Memorial Park, 5833 S. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota FL.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Institute for the Blind, Seeing

Eye Dogs of Palmetto FL, Hospice, or Right to Life. Todd Wahlquist is assisting the family with their arrangements (850-385-2193, www.bevisfh.com).