



Betty Costin

July 29, 1920 - December 26, 2008

Obituary of Betty Costin Costin, Betty Ormond Ware. - 88 Mrs. Betty Ormond Ware Costin died at Ocala Regional Medical Center on Friday, December 26, 2008. Betty was born in Detroit, MI, July 29, 1920 & came to Tampa as an infant with her parents. While attending Plant High School in Tampa, FL., she actively participated in the ICT Sorority & graced several Gaspirilla prize-winning floats before graduating in 1938. Her family then moved to TX where she completed a degree at Secretarial College in Ft. Worth. Briefly returning to Bartow, FL., Betty served as secretary to an Army Air Corps Adjutant General. During WWII she moved to Washington D.C. and was honorably selected to work for the Lend/Lease Program and also served in the USO. In 1946, she and Charles E. "Buck" Costin were married and the couple moved to Ocala in 1954. At this time, she became the first of four female deputies employed by the Marion County Sheriff's Office. Starting a family she decided to work in the Marion County School System as a school secretary at Oakcrest Elementary for 6 yrs. with principal, Max McKowan and later at Howard Elementary Academy for 15 years with principal, Rudy Bedford. "After retirement", she served in clerical and teachers aid positions at Shady Hill Elementary. Betty loved crocheting as well as painting and writing poetry. She will be greatly missed by those who survive her, including her daughters, Linda Streisel & husband, Hugh of Holiday, FL. and Debra Costin of Ocala, FL; grandson, Eric Costin of Ocala; sister, Nancy Ware of Ft. Pierce, FL; and nephews, Tom & wife Maureen, Steve, and Andrew Ware; cousins, Bill Selvey of Honolulu, HI,

and Nelson Gilliard and Pamela Short, both of Ocala; Memorial services will be held on Friday, January 2, 2009 at 2:00 P.M. at Grace Episcopal Church where she was a loving lifetime member. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made to Special Olympics of Marion County, 9851 NE 29th Terr, Anthony, FL 32617 in Mrs. Costin's honor. Arrangements are under the care of ROBERTS FUNERAL HOMES DOWNTOWN CHAPEL, 606 SW 2nd Ave, Ocala; 352- 622-4141.