



## Christine & Morris Ritter

March 14, 2026

Christine and Morris Ritter, both 91, of Ocala, FL, passed away on March 14 and 18, 2026, respectively, after brief illnesses.

Chris was born in Dott, WV, to Cecil and Hettie (Lovell) Wallace on December 15, 1934. She graduated from Matoaka High School in 1952 and earned a Medical Secretary Certificate from West Virginia Business School. She worked as an Executive Administrator for a variety of companies and universities. Chris enjoyed Jazzercise, donating her time and talents to emergency organizations and, especially, singing in many churches and local choirs and singing groups.

Morris was born in Valls creek, WV, to Sanders and Verna (Testerman) Ritter on April 4, 1934. He enlisted in the Air Force at just fifteen and served in airplane communications for four years during the Korean Conflict while earning his GED. Retiring from the Army in 1973 after another 19 years of distinguished and decorated service during the Vietnam War, Morris then had a successful insurance and financial planning career in Virginia Beach. “Retiring” once again at 62, he returned to school earning two degrees from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary before becoming a volunteer Chaplain for yet another 20 years.

Chris and Morris, married for 71 years on Christmas Eve, were predeceased by their daughter Cherie. They are survived by their son Mark and his wife Susan (Reed) and five grandchildren – Jennifer, Jessica, Amanda, Aaron, and Christian.

A combined funeral service will be held at Arlington National Cemetery.

Date and time to be announced.

Memorial donations may be made to Veterans Helping Veterans, 2730 East Silver Springs Boulevard, Ocala, FL 34470.

The family wishes to extend their gratitude to the medical staff at Grand Villa and the critical care workers at Empath Hospice Care of Marion County for all their care and support.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Chris was a valued member of the Ocala Christian Women's Connection for over 30 years. Every member and attendee loved her servants heart and beautiful smile.

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**Karen Senkovich** - April 14 at 09:10 PM

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*Morris and Chris were a rich chapter in our lives as we worshipped in the same church for a season. They will be sorely missed and fondly remembered.*

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**Gaye Martin** - April 15 at 10:37 AM