



## Gerri Cottrell

February 25, 1940 - February 11, 2025

Gerri Cottrell (Locke) 84 of Inverness, Florida (formerly of Prescott Valley, Arizona) passed away following a brief illness on February 11, 2025. She was born in Greenville, South Carolina on February 25, 1940 to Lawrence and Helen Locke. Gerri is survived by two children Christine Vilardo of Marion, Iowa and Jon Paul (Katie) Cottrell of Inverness, Florida; 6 grandchildren; 6 great grandchildren and many devoted friends. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Jacqueline Burkett (Rieger) and grandson, Lucas Cottrell.

Gerri enlisted in the Women's Army Corp at age 18 and served for two years in California. She devoted her life to raising generations of children and grandchildren. She was an active participant and leader in The Cassabelles dance troupe and The Purple Mums Chapter of the Red Hat Ladies Society, both in Prescott Valley, Arizona. She took joy in creating recipes from her southern roots.

She will be greatly missed.

A celebration of life will take place summer 2025.

In lieu of flowers, greatly appreciated memorials may be directed to the family to assist with services and expenses at

Christine Vilardo

2262 49th Street Marion, Iowa 52302 or

Venmo @Christine-Vilardo-1

# Tribute Wall

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“ *CHRISTINE R VILARDO lit a candle in memory of Geri Cottrell*



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“ *Mom, I miss you. Chrissy*



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**CHRISTINE R VILARDO** - April 19, 2025 at 04:39 PM