



Joyce Joseph

July 13, 1929 - May 19, 2023

Joyce Vertanesian Joseph, age 93, of Ocala, Florida, passed away peacefully at Hospice Estelle's House in Ocala on May 19, 2023, with her family by her side.

Joyce was born on July 13, 1929, in New York City to Sahaq and Harriet Vertanesian. She grew up in Florida and eventually settled in Gainesville, where she raised her three daughters and owned her tax business, A Gainesville Tax Service for over 50 years. She and her husband Rogers also owned a meat market and a catering business for a number of years. She moved to Ocala in 2016.

Joyce was one of Jehovah's Witnesses for 56 years and enjoyed a very busy life studying the Bible with interested ones. She also enjoyed her flowers, gardening, traveling, entertaining, fishing, the beach and spending happy times with her family and friends.

She is preceded in death by her husband of 30 years, Rogers Joseph, Sr., her sister Sylvia Swails, and her son-in-law Ronnie Barnes. She is survived by her three daughters, Laura Davis (Buz), Vicki Johnston (Malcolm), and Donna Lites Barnes, all of Ocala. She is also survived by stepchildren, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, extended family and friends too numerous to mention. She will be greatly missed.

A memorial service officiated by Robert Avery of Gainesville will be held at 2:00pm, Saturday, June 17, 2023, at the NE Ocala Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 3788 NE 35th Street, Ocala, FL. and remotely on zoom. The

family wishes to thank our many friends for the loving kindness and support they have displayed during Joyce's illness and since her death.