



## Louise Webster Crosby Kail

June 20, 1921 - July 5, 2022

### - A LIFE WELL LIVED-

Louise was born June 20, 1921, in San Mateo, Florida and passed on July 4th, 2022 in Ocala, Florida. Her mother was Addie Louise Bailey of San Mateo, Fla. and her father was John Alden Crosby of Bangor, Maine. Her siblings were Jack and Lilla Crosby, both now deceased, with whom she was very close. Louise grew up during the Great Depression and she learned the value of living within your means. She was raised in the First Presbyterian Church of San Mateo and her faith remained important to her throughout her life. As a child Louise spent most summers at the Crosby family home in Highlands, NC. She attended the Florida State College for Women and was elected VP of her class. She enjoyed tennis, golf, and social events there and made many lifelong friends. There she also met Joseph Bloomer of Lambertville, NJ, who was in Army Air Corp pilot training for WWII. They married in Oct., 1942, in Jacksonville, Fla. They had two sons; Joseph, born 1945 and Robert, born 1954. Louise traveled and lived in Morocco after the war and lived the life of an USAF officer's wife. The American military was treated like royalty at that time. She hosted and entertained military and foreign dignitaries and traveled to many of Europe's iconic cities. Louise and Joseph divorced in 1963. Louise continued to raise Joe and Bobby on her own, and obtained her Real Estate license in 1966 in Maitland, Fla. She met Edward Kail, an FBI agent, at a bowling league event. They dated for 6 years and married in June, 1970. Ed had two children; Susan and Larry Kail.

Ed was Louise's biggest fan; he was "King Kail" but she was the Queen of the house. They had 40 wonderful years together traveling the US and visiting their dear friends Liesl and Ludwig Grimm and Dieter Baer in Austria. Ed, Ludwig, and Dieter all played the accordion and entertained so many over the years. Ed and Louise built and enjoyed a St. Augustine, Fla. beach house and a chalet in Sky Valley, Ga. The number of friends they entertained over their 40 years in these homes is legendary. The Octoberfest parties they had in Sky Valley are still talked about today. Louise celebrated her 100th birthday in Sky Valley last June with all her family and friends.

Louise's passions were bridge, golf, hiking, gardening, birding, and genealogy. She had traced the Alden lineage back to the Mayflower. Her secret to longevity was "Faith, Family, Friends (and a bourbon at 5:00).

She is survived by son Robert, grandson Alden and his wife Becca Bloomer and daughter Leighton Lightbody, granddaughter Sara Bloomer, daughter-in-law Dawn Bloomer and children Jack and Emma Bradley. Daughter-in-law Jan Bloomer and granddaughter Chrissie Staton, her husband Reid and two sons Carter and Ben Staton. Step daughter Susan Gauthreaux and her husband Bob Gauthreaux.

Louise grew up in San Mateo, Fla. and has very special family there. Her sister Lilla's three daughters call it home. Weezie and Tommy Smith. TJ and Susie Smith and son Tanner Smith. LuluGail Parish, Casey, Jeff, and son Luke Griffis. Jan Herrington, RT and Natalie Herrington and daughters Charlie Jo and Salem and soon, son Rhett Travis Herrington. Charles and Sally Herrington and daughter Elsie Kay Harrington. Also by Frank and Sabrina Crosby and Janie Crosby. Louise is also survived by a list of special friends much too lengthy to mention by name. You know who you are and how much your friendship meant to her over the years.

She was preceded in death by husband Ed, son Joseph, and stepson Larry. Louise will be remembered as a matriarch, a wonderful wife, mother, and dear friend to those lucky enough to have met her. In Webster's dictionary her photo is next to the words Lady, Class, Dignity, Grace, Caring, and Friendly.

In lieu of flowers Louise asked that a small donation be sent to First Presbyterian of San Mateo, First Presbyterian Church of Ocala, Sky Valley Chapel, or Hospice of Marion County.

"Say not in grief 'Louise is here no more' but in thankfulness that she was"

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with all of Louise's family in her passing. We'll always remember our times with her at First Presbyterian Church in Ocala, and with her on visits to Sky Valley! What a wonderful and wonder-filled life of hope, faith and love she lived, and as the beautiful obituary says, she literally touched the lives of thousands!*  
*Raymond and Donna Guterman*  
*Tallahassee, Fl.*

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**Raymond and Donna Guterman** - July 07, 2022 at 12:00 AM