



## Norma Madeline Berni

April 21, 1925 - December 4, 2024

Norma Madeline “Chickie” Berni, 99, formerly of Boca Raton, Florida, peacefully passed away at home on December 4, 2024. Norma was born in Manhattan, New York, to Vincent Rinaldi and Anna Santine on April 21, 1925. She went to Emerson High School in New Jersey and graduated with the superlative “Best Dressed” in 1943. Norma was a self-taught interior designer, which was her life-long passion. She had a strong work ethic, which led to her opening “Tyglen Designs Inc.” in New Jersey with her partner Vinnie.

In her later years, she moved to Florida and became a silent partner in a cozy Italian restaurant where she was the hostess admired by all for her beauty and engaging personality. Her talents and creativity, along with her genuine concern, generosity, and love of family and friends – touched everyone who was fortunate enough to know her. She was a fun-loving diva and fashionista with her own unique style. She loved disco dancing in the 80’s, going to casinos, collecting antiques, and enjoyed many of the finer things in life. Most of all, she loved her family. She always took pride in decorating her homes and hosting parties for family and friends, especially around Christmas time.

Norma is survived by her son Tighe Berni of Fort Lee, New Jersey; her daughter Debra Hildum and son-in-law Clayton Hildum of Ocala, Florida; her grandson Corey Hildum of Ocala, Florida; her grandson Chase Hildum and daughter-in-law Kimsley of Roslindale, Massachusetts; her great-grandson

Enzo, whom she absolutely adored; and several nieces, nephews, and friends.

She is preceded in death by her husband Rene, a U.S. Naval Commander, infant daughter Gail, her father Vincent, her mother Anna, and her sisters Ollie, Flora, Helen, Viola, Anne and Gloria.

Celebration of life will be live-streamed at Robert's of Ocala Obituary. Visitation will be held at Robert's of Ocala – 2739 SE Maricamp Rd. (East) Ocala, FL, on December 16th, 2024, from 3:00-4:00 PM.

Norma was a real people person, and always stood out from the crowd. We will miss you forever. This too shall pass.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

DEC 16. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Roberts of Ocala East Chapel  
2739 SE Maricamp Rd.  
Ocala, FL 34471  
(352) 732-9944

# Tribute Wall



“ *Roberts of Ocala Funerals and Cremations created a Webcast in memory of Norma Madeline Berni*



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**Roberts of Ocala Funerals and Cremations** - December 16, 2024 at 07:40 PM

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“ *Her smile and laugh could brighten up anyone's day. She will be greatly missed.*

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**Scott L.** - December 16, 2024 at 04:01 PM

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“ *Prayers and thoughts are with you all in this time of sorrow. An energetic and beautiful soul who will be dearly missed.*



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**Carla** - December 13, 2024 at 07:28 PM