



Walda Smart

October 17, 1939 - June 20, 2021

Walda Jean Smart, 81, a resident of Ocala for almost forty years, passed away June 20, 2021, at E.W. and Lucille Cates House. She was born October 17, 1939, to Walter Lloyd Smart and Bertha Jean Marze Smart in New York. Walda was an avid novel reader and was devoted to her Pomeranian dog Murphy. For many years she was a member of the Assembly of God Church. Due to her ongoing battle with mental illness (OCD), she supported and participated in the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI). Even though Walda's income was greatly limited, she always contributed what she could in support of many charities over the years, with an emphasis on various organizations that focus on animal rights and humane treatment as well as the feeding and care of children around the world and US military veteran causes. She was preceded in death by both parents; her stepmother Betty, and her grandparents Elmer and Jean Marze. Walda also had a close endearing relationship with her cousin of the same age, Joann Ramsey, as they grew up together and were like sisters. Before separating from her second husband, Erving Brick, Walda was pleased and honored to have helped in the nurturing of Erving's daughter, Shari, by a previous marriage. Walda is survived by her brother, Andrew Lloyd Smart and his wife Karen, of Bailey, Colorado. Andrew and Walda shared that special bond that exists between brother and sister. Ralph Ramsey, the husband of Walda's deceased cousin, Joann, remained a dear friend and confidant with whom Walda spoke regularly. Ralph's extended family with Walda's cousin, Joann,

includes Margi, Andy, Phillis, and Ron. Walda's stepsister, Joanne Varady, and Natalie Sneed of Ocala were both close dear friends. Cremation has taken place and Walda's cremains will be interred at Good Shepherd Memorial Gardens, 5050 S.W. 20th Street, Ocala, Florida 34474. Per her wishes, there will be no memorial service for Walda. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the National Alliance on Mental Illness, 4301 Wilson Blvd., Suite 300, Arlington, VA. 22203.https://donate.nami.org/give/197406/#!/donation/checkout?utm_source=globalNav&utm_medium=website&utm_campaign=DonationTracking&c_src=WEBDGFuneral arrangements have been entrusted to Roberts Funeral Homes East Chapel, 2739 SE Maricamp Road, Ocala, Florida 34471 (352) 732-9944.