

### GENE “MANNY” PALAZESI



Gene “Manny” Byrd Palazesi, 96, of Callahan, passed away February 24, 2023, peacefully at her home. She was born February 18, 1927 in Cross City, Florida to the late Ivvie Sloan and Mammie Corbin Sloan. Manny was a dedicated employee for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Florida for 17 years. In her tenure there she never missed a day of work. Manny was a true gift from God. She was loved by everyone who had the honor of knowing her. Manny was a selfless person and always went out of her way to put others first. She thoroughly enjoyed painting, riding her bike and walking on the beach.

Manny’s memories will live on forever through her paintings that will always be cherished. More than anything she loved her family and spending time with them. Manny was an angel that will be dearly missed. Some might say this world would be a better place if everyone had an ounce of “Manny” in them. She is preceded in death by her parents; eight siblings; first husband John Byrd; second husband Dino Palazesi; and daughter Pat Burton.

Manny leaves behind her daughters Betty (Ben) Byrd, JoAnn (Paul) Nowaskey and Edie (Rik) Amato; grandchildren Mike (Robbin) Byrd, James Byrd, Josh Hester, Chase (Melissa) Hester, Ryan (Kelsey) Nowaskey, Erin (Mike) Patterson, Jennifer (Nick) Larson, Katie (Davy) Willard, Jason Agee, Thea Agee and Craig Agee; great-grandchildren Claire Byrd, Raven Byrd, Trace Hester, Kennedy Hester, Jackson Bennett, Jameson Hester, Sadie Nowaskey, Lucas Amato, Conner Larson, Emma Larson, Avery Willard and Brennan Agee.

A celebration of Manny’s life will be held privately by her loving family.

Arrangements under the direction of Nassau Funeral Home, Callahan, 904-879-1770.

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