

REGINA "GINA" (CIEZKI) THORN



Sadly, we announce the passing Regina "Gina" Thorn of loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister and aunt. Regina left this world peacefully on July 23, 2023 in Tallahassee, FL at age 85.

Regina was born in Bornheim-Merten, Germany in 1938. One of five children, Regina had four brothers and shared a close bond with her brother Konrad until her death. Fluent in three languages, as a young

woman Regina moved from Germany to Paris, France, where she enjoyed an exciting career working as a translator of French, English, and German for the German Foreign Service. It was in Paris where she met her husband, Richard Thorn, and they were married in New York City in 1962. Together they had three children, Eric Thorn (Liza McFadden) of Tallahassee Florida, Clifford Thorn of Pittsburgh Pennsylvania, and Bettina Thorn (Ryan Richason) of Los Angeles, California.

Regina had a passion for education and classic literature, after studying at Georgetown University, she went on to earn her Master's degree in German literature from the University of Pittsburgh. Throughout her life she enjoyed extensive travel including living abroad with her husband and children in Iran, France and Singapore. Over the course of her travels, Regina developed her taste for international cuisine and refined her culinary skills; her menu included dishes from the many countries she visited, which she prepared regularly for her loved ones, typically while one of her favorite classical music stations played in the background. She also loved art and she filled the family home with treasures collected from around the world. Regina always enjoyed nature, especially the ocean and a sunny beach- and sometimes a not so sunny beach, as her children often recall her happily swimming in the frigid ocean during a family vacation spent in Maine.

Regina was deeply devoted to her family. In addition to her children, she is survived by her grandchildren Collin Thorn and Eliza Thorn of Tallahassee, FL, and Hudson Richason of Los Angeles, CA and brothers Konrad Ciezki of Iserlohn, Germany, and Stefan Ciezki of Merten, Germany and several nieces and nephews. A private ceremony will be held in Tallahassee with close family. Regina was always a faithful Catholic and we take solace in knowing that she rests in his hands.

Breanna Green of **BEVIS FUNERAL HOME** (850-385-2193 or www.bevisfh.com) is assisting the family with their arrangements.

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