

MAUREEN O. ZAPPALA



Maureen died peacefully on February 2, 2024 at the age of 88. She was preceded in death by her mother, Georgiane Ficht; father, Jimmy Osolo; her husband, Frank J. Zappala, Jr.; and her son, Ralph Roberto. Maureen is survived by her daughter-in-law, Terri Roberto; stepsons, Frank J. Zappala, III (Erica) and Mark (Debra); six grandchildren and one great-grandson. Maureen was a fiercely determined woman, who was very protective of her family. She was also very charitable as a fundraiser for several organizations. She served on the Board of Directors of Hibiscus Children's Center and organized spectacular galas and events for the Martin Memorial Health System (now Cleveland Clinic). She was also deeply involved with St. Joseph Catholic Church and School, and organized their annual Caritas Christi event to provide laptops for every student in the school. She was born in Pittsburgh, PA, and lived for a time in the Canary Islands. Along with her husband, Frank, they enjoyed a home in Malaga, Spain, as well as several homes along the east coast of Florida. She and Frank loved to travel and immerse themselves in the culture and beauty of every town they visited. Their travels took them around the world, eventually setting foot on every continent. She brought her family along on many trips and exposed them to some of the most luxurious destinations, to some of the most rustic places on earth. Maureen's spirit, inspiration and love of travel will be missed. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Tuesday, February 13, at 11:00 am, at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, 1454 SW Mapp Road, Palm City, FL 34990, followed by Interment at Forest Hills Memorial Park, 2001 SW Murphy Road, Palm City, FL 34990. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hibiscus Childrens Center in Jensen Beach, FL.

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