



Mrs Dolly Ballard

April 13, 1933 - December 19, 2021

Dorothy Spellman Ballard, known as “Dolly”, age 88, died December 19, 2021, in Tallahassee, Florida. Her husband, Lester L. Ballard, and three of her children have preceded her in death.

Dolly was born in Tampa, Florida on Holy Thursday, April 13, 1933, the seventh child of Winnifred Irene Newman Spellman and Joseph Michael Spellman.

The family moved to Cherry Lake during 1935 and 1936. Her father and older brother, Charles Spellman, helped in building the community of Cherry Lake.

After graduation from Madison High School in 1951, she moved to Tampa, Florida and then to Miami. In 1988, After a very exciting and interesting career with the Metro Dade Police Department she retired in 1988 and returned to beautiful Madison. Dolly was one of the first lady police officers. Her badge number #640 read Police Woman. Later, she was re-issued a new badge with the words, Police Officer, Sheriff’s Deputy. Her last fourteen years of her career was assigned to the Crime Scene Lab where she investigated many major homicides that made National News.

The first twenty years of Dolly’s retirement was dedicated to good works at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church. Branching out in the Community, Dolly

served three years as President of the Madison Garden Club, and loved working with the youth at the Schools and 4-H Clubs.

Dolly is survived by her daughters, Karen Kocan of Tallahassee and Patty Stabile of Davie, Florida. She is also survived by eight grandchildren and five great grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held on Monday December 27, 2021 from 6:00pm – 8:00pm with rosary at 7:00pm at Beggs Funeral Home, Madison, Florida.

The Eucharistic Mass Celebration will be held Tuesday, December 28, 2021 at 11:00am at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic church with interment in Cherry Lake, Florida at the United Methodist Cemetery.

Beggs Funeral Home of Madison is in charge of the arrangements (850)973-2258. Condolences can be shared at www.beggsfuneral.com .

Previous Events

Celebration

DEC **28**. 11:00 AM.

St. Vincent De Paul Catholic Church

Tribute Wall

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“ I first met Dolly at St. Vincent de Paul when I first moved to Madison 6 years ago. Dolly had learned that I also retired from a 24 year law enforcement career in Houston, Tx. She was one of the first people to welcome me to Madison and thanked me for my service. Then she shared her experience as a police officer with a beautiful smile on her face that was contagious. Here she was thanking me when she was TRULY one of the first women in law enforcement that helped pave the way for so many others. God Bless all of her loved ones and Dolly, Rest In Peace Sweet Lady. And Thank You for your service to our Lord above and to our country.

Mary Daugherty-Cooper

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