

Obituary

On Friday, January 15, 2021, Millicent (Millie) Clair Moscati Baron, our beloved mother, sister and friend, passed away at the age of 89. Millie was born in Baltimore, MD on April 27, 1931. Her parents were Rosetta Romano and Pasquale Moscati. She was the youngest of nine. Millie was preceded in death by her siblings Irene Durkins (Charlie), Marius Moscati (Alleen), Evelyn Moscati, Genevieve Jordan (Joe), Dolores Lily (Nelson), Adrian Moscati, Gloria Rubeling (Richard), and Rosalie Seidl (Ray). She is survived by her children John Bowling (Virginia), Carol Tweeten, Steven Bowling (Sue), Kathleen Hmiel (Luke), Jane Varvaro (Barry) and Maggie Gagne' (Lee), and her stepdaughter Annette Irwin (Edward), stepson Spike Baron, stepdaughter Sharon Dunner, 24 grandchildren, 26 great grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild. After being active in chorus, drama and many other clubs, Millie graduated Seton High School in 1949, and immediately started her nursing education. During that time she met John T. Bowling, Jr, (deceased), and they married in 1951. She went on to raise 6 children and continued her education in Maryland. Professionally, Millie was a pediatric nurse at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland for 10 years. She later moved to Clearwater, FL, where she earned her Bachelors and Master's Degrees from the University of South Florida., while working at Mease Hospital in Dunedin, Florida as a Coronary Care and Intensive Care Nurse. She later became the Director of Nursing and the Inservice Director of Nurses and Physicians. Millie retired in 1985 after 20 years of service at Mease Hospital. Millie did not stop there! Because of her love for education, she completed her career as an instructor for an LPN (Licensed Practical Nursing) program in Dade City, Florida. There she received numerous "Teacher of the Year" awards and recognition for always going over and above her students' needs. She retired from teaching in 1995. Millie and her second and beloved husband, John E. Baron, found each other later in life through their church choir at St. Rita Catholic Church in Dade City, Florida. They shared a magical love story. They combined their families, eight adult children and their offspring in 1991. It became a beautiful extended family. Their happiness was so contagious that seeing them together made everyone feel so happy for them. Millie was preceded in death by her beloved husband John E. Baron. After retiring to Crystal River, Florida, Millie stayed very active in her community. She joined and led committees and clubs, volunteered at her church, St. Scholastica Catholic Church, was an active member of the Retired Nurse's Organization, regularly volunteered at various nursing homes and attended to sick neighbors and friends. Her tireless volunteering did not go unnoticed. For her efforts she received the St. Jude the Apostle Medal from the Bishop of the Diocese of the Catholic Church in St. Petersburg, Florida in 2012. Millie dedicated her life to helping others, in her professional career as a registered nurse and as a volunteer in her community. Millie had a large heart with the capacity to care and love everyone even if it was not always returned to her. Her generous and loving spirit will greatly be missed by all. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in Millie's name to the Alzheimer's Foundation. A mass of the resurrection will be held at 10AM, Thursday, January 21, 2021 at St. Scholastica Catholic Church in Lecanto. Following the mass, visitation will be held from 11:30AM-1:30PM at Brown Funeral Home & Crematory in Lecanto, FL. Burial will take place at 11:30AM, Friday, January 22, 2021 at the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, FL.

