

Laurene M Kowalski, age 77, of Beverly Hills, FL passed away March 14, 2023. Laurene was born December 18, 1945 in Westwood, MA, to Frederic and Theresa Shaw. She graduated Westwood High School in 1963 and attended LaSalle Jr. College. Laurene worked for the family business branch in Rutland, VT, where she married Bob McGinley. She also attended Castleton State College.

In 1981 she moved back to Massachusetts as a single mother, and also attended Stonehill College. She married Louis O'Rourke in 1987, and worked for the family business until they retired to Florida in 1994. She lived and worked in the Lakeland area until moving to Citrus County in 2005, after the death of her husband.

She started playing golf, which she loved, in 2006, at Pine Ridge and Twisted Oaks golf courses, even working part-time in the pro shop at Pine Ridge. She belonged to the women's golf league there, as well as the American Irish Club golf league, which is how she met her current husband, Charles Kowalski (on a backed-up par 3).

She loved travel, golf, Scrabble, stained glass, quilting, oil painting, cooking (especially soups), and playing cards. Laurene was a member of West Citrus Elks Lodge #2693, Crystal River Moose Lodge #2013, American Irish Club and St. Scholastica Catholic Church.

Laurene is preceded in death by her parents, her sister, Judith, her son, Scott and her husband, Louis O'Rourke.

Survived by her husband, Charles Daniel Kowalski; one son, Rob of Columbia Falls, ME; one brother, Rick and his wife Cathy of Plymouth, MA; as well as many Nieces and Nephews; step children, Anne and her husband Eric, Carol, Elaine and her husband David, Chuck and his wife Kim, Peter, Phil and his wife Lisa; as well as their children and grandchildren.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, March 16, 2023 from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Brown Funeral Home, 5430 W Gulf to Lake Hwy., Lecanto, FL. Mass will be offered at 10:00 a.m. Friday, March 17, 2023 at the St. Scholastica Catholic Church in Lecanto, FL with Father James Johnson as celebrant. Burial will be at the Florida National Cemetery at a later date.

