

Teresa "Boo Boo" Irene Ridge, a radiant soul, gracefully departed this world on January 19, 2024, in her cherished hometown of Crystal River, Florida. Born on October 10, 1964, in Ocala, Florida, she embodied love, kindness, and a profound connection with Jesus Christ.

A devoted wife of 32 years, Teresa shared her life with her husband, John Alan Ridge, creating a union grounded in unwavering love and companionship. As John spent days at sea fishing, Teresa awaited his return at the end of the road, a beacon of love patiently watching for his boat on the horizon. As he motored back to the dock, she would follow him slowly with her car, a silent ritual of their enduring bond. Her nurturing spirit extended to being a second Mama to her younger sisters and a beloved aunt to her nephew, Charles and nieces, Kayla and Sara.

Her heart overflowed with compassion, evident in her years of service in a medical oncology office. Teresa tirelessly assisted patients in need, ensuring that those without insurance or access to chemotherapy found the help they desperately sought. She was a comforting presence to those facing the most challenging moments, sitting by the side of dying cancer patients who lacked the solace of family.

Known for her love of children, Teresa brought joy to their lives, and her infectious laughter filled every room. Her passion for music, especially Led Zeppelin, added a harmonious melody to her joyful dance through life.

Her birth father, Ray Mack, Sr., affectionately gave her the nickname "Boo Boo," a name that encapsulated the playful and caring nature she shared with her older brother, who lovingly carries the nickname "Booger." Together, they forged an inseparable bond in the embrace of nature.

Teresa found solace in the outdoors, with a deep love for the beach and Florida natural springs. Fishing on family trips brought her joy, and her nurturing spirit extended to helping her Mama with the younger kids, embodying the essence of family unity.

Her heart always belonged to Crystal River, where she found her true home and met her loving husband, John. Teresa's spontaneous stops to admire fields of flowers showcased her love for the beauty of nature, bringing her immense happiness. In her California home with John, she selflessly cared for his Mother and sister, cherishing visits to Crystal River to reconnect with her roots.

Blessed with two loving fathers, Teresa shared a close relationship with her stepfather, Raymond "Kent" Green. Her life was a testament to the richness of having two Daddy's who played meaningful roles in shaping the woman she became.

Teresa "Boo Boo" Ridge, now our angel in heaven, is preceded in death by her birth father, Earl Ray Mack, Sr., and her stepfather, Raymond "Kent" Green. She is survived by her loving husband, John Alan Ridge, her devoted mother, Irene Russell Green, and her siblings Earl Ray Mack, Jr., Christine Nadeau, and Kelly Leigh Green. Teresa leaves behind her cherished nephew, Charles Gipson, and nieces Kayla Pursell and Sara Nadeau.

May her soul find eternal peace, and may her memory continue to shine brightly in the hearts of all who were touched by her love and kindness. Graveside services will be held at 3 P.M. on Sunday, January 28, 2024 at Orange Hill Cemetery, 18051 SW 6th Ave, Williston, FL 32696, with Pastor Brian O'Connell presiding over the service, offering solace and support to those who gather to celebrate Teresa's beautiful life. Arrangements are under the care of Brown Funeral Home & Crematory in Lecanto, FL.