

Rita Ann Coffman, 85, of Lecanto, FL passed away February 1, 2024 in Inverness. She was born on October 15, 1938 to Michael and Theresa Mistretta in Mount Morris, NY. A Registered Nurse for most of her life, she also served her country as a Flight Nurse in the US Air Force Reserves where she achieved the rank of Captain. Rita headed up the first trauma ER at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles. After concluding her nursing career when her daughter Mindi was born, she became a teacher's aide in the public school system where she worked until retirement. Rita was an active, longtime member of the Citrus Newcomers Club and she loved to cook -- she always baked for the Art Center of Citrus County Camera Club. Rita loved to spend time with her family and enjoyed traveling with her husband. She was a member of St. Scholastica Catholic Church in Lecanto. Rita was preceded in death by her sister Theresa "Terry" Mistretta. Left to cherish her memory is her loving husband of 55 years, Richard F.S. Coffman, III; daughter Mindi Ann Bishop; sister Michelle Elli (Paul); granddaughter Aleah Ann Bishop as well as many more extended family. A Mass of the Resurrection will be held at 12:00 PM, Saturday, February 17, 2024 at St. Scholastica Catholic Church in Lecanto, FL. Services are under the direction of OBrown Funeral Home & Crematory in Lecanto, FL. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Rita's name to a cancer center of your choice.

