



Florence Anne Cleary 86, of Ocala, FL passed away May 23, 2024, under the loving care of her family and Hospice of Marion County. She was born on April 14, 1938, to Anthony and Jean Palladino on Staten Island, NY. After graduating from High School in Staten Island in 1955, Florence began her working career as a secretary at the US Army Base in Brooklyn, NY. She then became the secretary to the Commanding Office of the United States Coast Guard Station in Brooklyn, NY. After that Florence was secretary to the president of the Alpin Wine & Liquor Distributors in Brooklyn, NY. After getting married in 1962 she resided in Brooklyn, NY, New Jersey, Maryland, Georgia, Tennessee, and Oklahoma.

Once Florence moved to Florida, in 1986, her love of real estate developed when she applied for a secretarial position for a real estate office in Citrus Hills. It was known as Hampton Square Realty in Hernando. She was hired the same day and within a year, she was officially licensed as a Realtor. She started her career as a Realtor in 1987 and retired in December of 2021 from the same company. She is survived by her children Jeff Cleary and his wife Brenda, Curt Cleary and his wife Erica, Pete Cleary and his wife Vicki; sister Valeri Farinelli; grandchildren, Denee Marie Steinbacher, Morgan Watts, Jared Cleary, Ryan Cleary, Nicholas Cleary and Ava Cleary. Family will receive friends for visitation from 4-7PM, Tuesday, May 28, 2024, at Brown Funeral Home & Crematory in Lecanto, FL. Funeral Mass will be held at 9:30AM, Wednesday, May 29, 2024 at St. Benedict Catholic Church in Crystal River, with burial immediately following at Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Beverly Hills, FL.