

Bonita “Bonnie” Ann Caputo, 76, of Sebastian, FL passed away January 17, 2023, at her home. She was born on June 7, 1946, to Frank R. & Rosalia M. (Greco) Caputo in Dover, OH and was baptized on January 12, 1947. She graduated June 5, 1964, from Miami Jackson High School where she received a band scholarship to study library science at the University of Miami. Her love for music was accentuated by being the daughter of a composer. Her father wrote and dedicated the song he lovingly titled “Bonita” to his daughter. Bonnie loved all kinds of music including hits from Frank Sinatra, Neil Diamond, Barry Manilow, 5 Dimension and Michael Jackson. During high school, Bonnie played the French Horn in the concert, marching and the symphonic & wind ensemble band, was president of the Spanish National Honor Society, treasurer of the Girls Athletic Association and a member of the Phi Beta Kappas, the girls lettering club, Opti-Miss Service Club, and the National Honor Society. She made the Dean’s list 12 times and received the Daughters of the American Revolution Citizenship Award in 1964. Bonita graduated from the University of Miami June 5, 1968, with her bachelors and June 6, 1971, with her master’s degree in library science. A Librarian for most of her life, she retired from Miami-Dade County Public School on May 28, 1996. Throughout her life, she was a member and past president of Hialeah-Miami Springs Rotary Club, member of the Rotary and Lions Club in Sebastian, FL, and member and Director of Grace Lutheran Church in Miami Springs, FL. She was presented the Good Samaritan Award by Grace Lutheran Church for expressing her love of God through unselfishly and faithfully helping people in need. Bonnie served as a Kairos Prison Minister for the Medium/Maximum security prison for men & women for many years. She was an avid reader; one of her favorite authors was Robert B. Parker. Bonnie was an avid Dodger’s Fan and loved following sports news. Bonnie attended Our savior Lutheran Church after moving to Vero Beach, FL where she made many friends. Throughout her life, she supported the following organizations: Children International, St. Jude Children’s Hospital, UM Hurricanes Club, Wounded Warrior Project, World Wildlife Fund, K9 Protector Vests, United States Marine Corps, US Armed Forces and the USO, Pitt, Fraternal Order of the Police, Mutts with a Mission, Semper K-9 Rescuing Dogs and Vets, American Rivers, Rails-to-Trails, Special Olympics, the Nature Conservancy, Pelican Island Audubon Society of Indian River County, Save the Honey Bees, Team USA, Florida Sheriffs Association, National Parks Conservation Association, ASPCA, Southeastern Guide Dogs, Sierra Club and St. Joseph’s Indian School. She is survived by her dear friends Diane & Bob Haworth, her beloved dog Priscilla “Prissy” and several 1st and 2nd cousins. A celebration of Life will be held at 11AM, Saturday, November 9, 2024 at Grace Lutheran Church in Miami Springs, FL. Graveside service will follow at Vista Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Miami Lakes, FL.

