



## Mary Ellen Gribbin

July 18, 1925 - February 15, 2021

The family of Mary Ellen Ruppelt Gribbin sorrowfully announce her passing on February 15, 2021. She died peacefully of natural causes at the age of 95 at Terra Vista Nursing Home in Orlando.

Mary was born in Chicago, Illinois on July 18, 1925. In her years on earth, she lived in Southern California, Michigan, Honolulu, Colorado, and Orlando, with the fondest of memories of each place.

Mary is survived by three children: Patrick Gribbin of Orlando, Joan (Jodie) Anderson of Peoria, AZ, and Michael Gribbin of Conway, SC; five grandchildren: Katie Crum, Tyler Crum, Connor Anderson, Brianne Gribbin and Ally Gribbin; and one great granddaughter, Ember Shultz.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband Robert T (Bob) Gribbin, who passed away in Colorado Springs in 1982.

As a young girl and daughter of a Naval officer, Mary and her family often moved around the country. She treasured her time in the Del Rosa area of San Bernardino, California, the small farming towns in Michigan, and the emerging cities of Denver and Greeley, Colorado.

She attended the University of Michigan studying Journalism, but left school to return back to Southern California upon the passing of her father in 1947.

Mary met Bob in 1958, and was married in 1959.

In her adult life, Mary was committed to raising her children with love and kindness, and taking care of her aging mother, brother, sister and other relatives in their final years. Mary was a lifelong devout Catholic, and openly lived her faith. Mary always put family first, and showed everyone who knew her how to cherish their own families through her example.

Those she leaves behind mourn the loss of a resilient woman of the Greatest Generation, but celebrate her reunion in Heaven with her treasured family.

A virtual celebration of her life is scheduled for later in March, and she will join Bob for eternal rest at Evergreen Cemetery in Colorado Springs.