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Consuelo Arias, age 93, of St. Augustine, passed away on May 31, 2017 at the Bailey Family Center for Caring with her family by her side. She was born and grew up in Caldas, Antioquia, Colombia; and was a graduate of the Antioquia School of Dentistry. Consuelo was the first female Colonel in the Colombian Army, where she served in the Dental Corps. She was very active in the life of her community and was instrumental in founding the Humane Society in Caldas. In 1964 Consuelo and Mario Arias moved to the United States and settled in Indianapolis, Indiana. She attended Indiana University School of Medicine and Hospitals, graduating with a degree in Cytotechnology in the Department of Pathology. She lived in Ft. Lauderdale for many years, and worked at the Broward General Medical Center. She had been a seasonal resident of St. Augustine since 1990, and was a member of the Cathedral Basilica. She then moved here permanently in 2004. She is survived a daughter, Ana Arias of St. Augustine. She was affectionately known as “Nana” to her granddaughters, Natasha Marie, and her husband Steven Ladrado, and Susanna Anastasia; and great granddaughters, Sophia Marie and Camila Rose Ladrado. She was preceded in death by her husband, Mario Arias (1926 – 1976), and a daughter, Maria Consuelo Arias (1963-2004). Private services will be held. St. Johns Family Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.