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Marcia LaMarca Dooly, age 81, of St. Augustine, FL went home to be with our Lord on December 1, 2016. Marcia's passing was preceded by her husband the Rev. Canon Bernard Dooly of St. John's Cathedral in Jacksonville, FL.

She is survived by her two daughters of Panama City Beach, FL, Marta Rose-Thorpe (Jimmy) and Liz Bennett (Mike); sister Linda LaMarca; four grandchildren, Rylee, Michaela, Isabel and Leo; niece Lisa Hobelmann; nephew Eric Hobelmann (Anne); great nieces and nephews, Cley, Kyle, Claire and Joshua. Marcia was born in Englewood, NJ and moved to Florida at age 15 with her Swedish mother and Italian father. She earned her MA in Education at the University of Florida, and continued working on her PhD at Florida State University, studying Home & Family Life and Gerontology. While living in Tallahassee she was an active leader at the Senior Center. Marcia moved to St. Augustine in 1972 and opened the Owl Studio in the Restoration area, an eclectic gift shop showcasing many of her talents. An accomplished artist all her life, she painted, sketched, sculpted, batiked, sewed, created one-of-a-kind jewelry, and wrote fiction novels based on her life's travels and journeys into human nature. Always a strong advocate for quality education, Marcia launched New School in 1974, a K-12 private school in Elkton, FL.

This undertaking lead to meeting her husband, Fr. Bernie Dooly, and the two were married for 39 years. During their life together they traveled extensively

through Europe, at one point living in Ireland, Bernie's homeland, for ten years. Marcia's passions extended to her family and beloved pets, and she loved hosting reunions and gatherings at her and Bernie's home in Summer Haven, La Mystique Sur Mer. Her Celebration of Life will be held on Sunday, December 11 at 2:00 pm at St. John's Cathedral, 256 E. Church St., Jacksonville, FL. Immediately following the service will be a gathering at her home in Summer Haven for family and friends.

# Tribute Wall

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“ We are sorry for your loss. Marcia, was such a great person, She will live on in our memories forever.

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**Melissa, Jeff, Kat & James Fedosh** - December 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ (No Guestbook Text Available)

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**Mark Pendleton** - December 08, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ To My wonderful spirited sister, I miss you terribly. Life feels empty without you. Hold me up from heaven until I get there.

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**Linda LaMarca** - December 05, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ So sorry about Marcia. A great lady and accomplished so many things in her lifetime. She will be greatly missed. Cousin, Thyrra

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**Thyrra La Marca** - December 05, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ Sending Love & Prayers to my Soul Sisters Marta & Liz and the Thorpe & Bennett Family. Marcia's passing is so difficult, with the unexpectedness and this time of Year. May Marcia be honored with Joy for her influence on the world vs. Sadness. Dance and Sing in her honor...with her bold spirit in your hearts. She is in Heaven with her Bernie and our Heavenly Father. Love to you all from~ Laurie Olshefski and Family

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**Laurie Olshefski** - December 05, 2016 at 12:00 AM