



## Mrs. Rita Corby Snurkowski

September 7, 1922 - April 25, 2023

Rita J. Snurkowski, 100, of Tallahassee, Florida, peacefully passed away on Tuesday, April 25, 2023, while surrounded by those dear to her.

Born on September 7, 1922, she was the daughter of Ernest A. Corby, Sr. and Emma C. Viens Corby, of blessed memory. She is also preceded in death by her husband of 62 years, Charles Snurkowski; son, Charles S. Snurkowski; and brother, Ernest A. Corby, Jr.

Mrs. Snurkowski was a world traveler who spoke French, Italian and Turkish. She was an excellent cook and each family member had their favorites. Proof of her culinary talents was her efforts to make all family favorites such as mushrooms in everything, chicken cacciatore, pumpkin pie and spare ribs and cabbage! She loved to garden and her pride and joy was her rose bush that survived the winter weather as well as her Angel Trumpet plants. Although private, she was hospitable and welcomed all with a warm smile. She loved to laugh and could always best you with a witty comeback.

While Rita came from humble beginnings, she took on all life's challenges and was one of the bravest ladies her husband and children ever knew. As a military wife, living in Africa and Turkey as well as numerous military bases throughout the United States, she built a loving home and ensured her children adapted to each culture and got to church and school on time. As a

golfing widow, she also got her husband on the first tee on time; sometimes before dawn.

The Snurkowskis moved to Tallahassee from Homestead, Florida in 1992 as a result of enduring the ravages of Hurricane Andrew. Rita took on her next challenge making Tallahassee their new home. She found the home of her dreams that included a swimming pool. Her next challenge was not to fear the water and to learn to swim. At 72, she became became an avid swimmer and would frequently swim until the sun went down.

At age 85, her next challenge became technology. While she never conquered her flip top phone, she did acquire her own special knack on her Apple computer. She was a wiz at playing solitaire and “to her ruin” stayed too long at her computer emailing and learning what was happening on her favorite soaps.

Her family would like you to know that she was a wonderful wife and the best mom. Her husband and children always came first. She taught her children right from wrong, taught them there were no limits to their dreams and ensured they were educated to succeed. And she succeeded!

Survivors include her daughters, Carolyn M. Snurkowski and Nancy S. Hardison (husband, Richard A.); grandchildren, Charles Andrew Snurkowski (Faon) and Matthew Lee Snurkowski (wife, Lila J.); great-grandchildren, Emily Snurkowski, Kayleigh Ann Bendawald, Ava Snurkowski and Madison Snurkowski (twins) great-grandchild, Ember Rose Bendawald.

Visitation is 1:00 PM, Saturday, April 29, 2023, at Abbey Funeral Home, with the funeral service beginning at 2:00 PM. Interment follows a Tallahassee Memory Gardens, Garden of Peace.

Donations in her memory may be made to:

Tunnel to Towers Foundation

2631 Hylan Boulevard

Staten Island, New York 10306

[www.t2t.org](http://www.t2t.org)

or

The Wounded Warrior Project

4899 Belfort Road

Jacksonville, Florida 32256

[www.woundedwarriorproject.org](http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org)

The online guestbook and livestream service can be found at [www.abbeyfh.com](http://www.abbeyfh.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Tallahassee Memory Gardens

4037 North Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32303  
(850) 562-1518  
<https://www.abbeyfh.com/>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 29. 1:00 PM (ET)

Abbey Funeral Home  
4037 North Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32303  
(850) 562-1518  
[abbeyfh@comcast.net](mailto:abbeyfh@comcast.net)

## Funeral Service

APR 29. 2:00 PM (ET)

Abbey Funeral Home  
4037 North Monroe Street  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Abbey Funeral Home and Tallahassee Memory Gardens created a Webcast in memory of Mrs. Rita Corby Snurkowski*



Abbey Funeral Home and Tallahassee Memory Gardens - April 29, 2023 at 01:47 PM

RD

“ *Carolyn and Nancy - Nora and I send our condolences to you and your family. Your mother lived full and interesting life for certain. I am sort we could not be with you today. Richard Doran.*

Richard Doran - April 29, 2023 at 07:49 PM

KT

“ *Carolyn, please accept my deepest condolences. I am certainly glad that I got to meet your Mom a few times while working for you. She was always so sweet. I am sending you and your family some big Hugs. You will be in my thoughts and prayers. Love, Twirlybird*

Kathy Terwilliger - April 29, 2023 at 02:50 PM

LN

“ *Lynsey Sherman Nuckols purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Mrs. Rita Corby Snurkowski.*



Lynsey Sherman Nuckols - April 28, 2023 at 10:39 AM

SW

“ Susan DePalma and Criminal Appeals WPB purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Rita Corby Snurkowski.



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**Susan DePalma and Criminal Appeals WPB** - April 28, 2023 at 09:32 AM

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“ Capital Appeals -Tallahassee purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of Mrs. Rita Corby Snurkowski.



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**Capital Appeals -Tallahassee** - April 28, 2023 at 08:39 AM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Rita Corby Snurkowski.

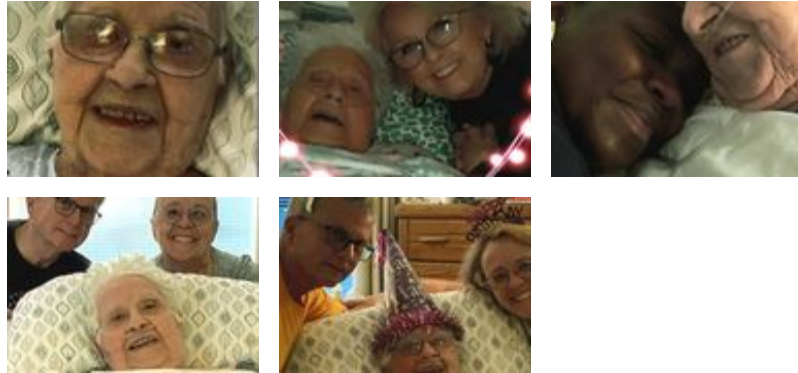


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April 28, 2023 at 08:21 AM



“ 60 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Abbey Funeral Home and Tallahassee Memory Gardens** - April 27, 2023 at 04:20 PM



“ *Sabrina Donovan purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mrs. Rita Corby Snurkowski.*



**Sabrina Donovan** - April 27, 2023 at 02:08 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Rita Corby Snurkowski.*



April 27, 2023 at 12:26 PM



“ *Red Rose Reverence Casket Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Rita Corby Snurkowski.*



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April 27, 2023 at 12:21 PM