



## Alice Ann Besler

January 19, 1944 - May 12, 2026

Alice Ann Besler, 82, of The Villages, FL, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, May 12th, 2026.

Alice was born on Wednesday, January 19th, 1944 in Trenton, NJ, the second daughter of Helen (nee Krecicki) and Anthony Grodnicki. Mom graduated from Notre Dame High School in 1962 as the second graduating class of that young school. That was only time, Alice was second class. After graduating high school, Alice graduated from St. Francis School of Nursing and became an RN. Mom retired from nursing after working almost 40 years at St. Francis Medical Center in Trenton, NJ. Moving with the love of her life Richard to The Villages in 2003, where she continued to work as an RN at a few hospitals, and even for a time at Publix in Florida – as she always wanted to be busy. Her biggest joys, were her husband and her family. Mom was brought into the Besler family and cared for my dad's younger brothers Philip and Christopher, like they were her own. My uncles were frequently at our home on Lowell Avenue helping in any and every project. Mom took pride in watching them grow into fine young men, all while raising three children (Lisa, Scott, and Drew) with my dad. But her most precious time was spent with her seven grandchildren. She watched them compete in sports and they helped her adapt to technology and was always ready for facetime or a call to hear about their days, when she and Dad moved to Florida.

Mom was always available to anyone at any time day or night and had a

pantry stocked with any food you needed and a pot of coffee ready to go. She loved musicals, crocheting, quilting, singing, soap operas (Young and the Restless and Days of Our Lives were her favorites), and a clean house for anyone that needed a place to visit and a chat. She was a great sport and would play catch with her kids and also ride a motorcycle alongside her husband. She even joined the woodshop in The Villages and made some of the most decorative bowls that she gave to family and friends.

Mom was preceded in death by her parents, Helen and Tony, her best friend and cousin, Carol Menichelli, her favorite aunt, Veronica Kalaman, and her godson Richard Menichelli.

Alice is survived by her husband of 60 years, Richard Shail, daughter Lisa and her husband, Edward, her son Scott and his wife Jessie, and her son Drew and his wife Lisa. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Eddie, Melanie, Ryan, Halle, William, Benjamin, and Leila. Mom is also survived by her sister Dorothy Paulaski and brother Raymond Grodnicki. Brother-in-law Philip and Carolann Besler, and brother-in-law Chris and his husband Dave.

Alice is also going to be missed by her friends as well as her nieces and nephews; Linda, David, Donna, Lauren, Marsha, Jennifer, Jonathan, and Brittany.

A Mass will be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, 10am at St Timothy's Catholic Church.

In Lieu of Flowers, The Family requests Memorial Contributions in Alice's name to be made to a charity closest to your heart.

# Previous Events

## Mass

MAY **19**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Timothy Catholic Church  
1351 Paige Pl  
Lady Lake, FL 32159

# Tribute Wall

PH

“ Dear Alice,  
You are an amazing woman! You have made a wonderful life for your family, putting your needs after everyone else's. As a nurse, all of your family members went to you for medical advice, which was always on target! I remember when my parents were taken to St. Francis Hospital, I would walk in and ask for you; you would make sure that my parents had the best care and would check on them! Christmas Eve Dinners with the whole family (and extended families) at your home was special with seven fishes (and more), and the delicious cookies that you always baked! I don't know how you did it, but it was always done to perfection! As a mom you raised three wonderful children, and are close to all of your grandchildren.  
You have been a great wife, mom, baba, aunt, friend, and more. You will truly be missed! May you rest in peace!  
Love you!  
Phyllis

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**Phyllis Hemler** - May 15 at 10:23 AM

RR

Your mom was one of the best people to work with. She was a straight shooter with no hidden agenda. She could be funny as hell one minute and tough as nails the next. You always knew where you stood with her. She was a great person. May she rest easy in the loving arms of our Lord until your family is reunited again in heaven.

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**Robert Ronan** - May 15 at 11:53 AM

JB

I worked with Alice for many years at SFMC. She was an amazing woman. She taught me so much. May she RIP. My condolences to the family 🙏🙏🙏

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**Joanne Burr** - May 15 at 06:43 PM

KH

*I used to love to visit L&D from the Clinic when Alice was working. If there was time we'd always catch up. She always asked about Dr. John & that was always special. She was a good nurse & a good friend. Rest in peace, Alice!*

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**Kathy Harlicka** - May 17 at 11:12 AM

CE

*I worked many years with Alice. She was an amazing nurse. We would have lunch whenever she came back to New Jersey. I'll miss our occasional phone call. Best cookie maker ever. She loved her Family. Rest in peace, my friend*

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**Cheryl Erkoboni** - May 27 at 05:46 AM