



## Mrs. Joan Carol Owen

May 16, 1947 - January 15, 2021

### JOAN KARN OWEN

Joan Carol (Karn) Owen passed peacefully at home on January 15, 2021, with her loving family surrounding her bedside after a long illness. She was cared for by her husband Frank of 50+ years, her daughter Eleanor, and granddaughter Embily, daughter in law Tangelia.

Joan was born on May 1947 in Brooklyn, NY, to Paul Karn and Eleanor Karn. Joan, a tiny 2-pound NICU baby, fought fiercely from that moment to become the accomplished woman we all loved. Joan always knew she wanted to be a nurse and became a volunteer Candy Striper, at age 16. Joan graduated in 1965 from Fort Jefferson High School, in Long Island, NY with her LPN (Licensed Practical Nurse) where she started her career. She married her loving husband Frank Edward Owen, on June 13, 1970, then moved to Chesapeake, VA. Frank, a Navy Career man, was shipped out and Joan worked as a nurse. Her children were born at the Naval hospital in VA, David, 1971, and Eleanor, 1976.

In 1980, Joan moved to Florida and called Brevard her home. She loved nursing and put her heart and soul into her chosen field. She was dedicated and deeply appreciated by those who had her as a nurse. Joan worked for Merritt Manor Nursing home and Vista Manor Nursing home, Home Health Gentiva, and volunteered for Hospice. She loved her patients and family. Joan was a loving wife, mother, daughter, nana, friend and nurse.

Joan gave back to her community by donating her time to several community theaters. She helped with the children's theater at Titusville Playhouse in summer camp and after school classes. Joan volunteered at Cocoa Village Playhouse at props and stage managing. Joan stage managed and directed at Surfside Playhouse and Playwrights workshop, where she earned many awards.

Joan was preceded in death by her father Paul Karn. She is survived by her mother Eleanor Karn, husband Frank Owen, sister, Eleanor Karn Richie, children; David Owen,

wife Tangela Owen, Eleanor Owen, Grandchildren; Embily Smith, Zackary Owen, Sydnee Owen, Levi Owen Nephews; Scott and John Richie

In lieu of flowers please send donations to Hospice of St Francis or Emma Parrish Theatre.