



Mrs. Margarett Jeanette Bowers

March 30, 1936 - February 13, 2020

Margarett Jeannette Usina Bowers, age 83, of Rockledge, Florida, passed away on Thursday, February 13, 2020. She was born on March 30, 1936 to the late Clyde and Maggie Usina. Jeannette graduated from the University of Central Florida with her BSN in 1996 and from the University of Phoenix with her MSN in 2004. She was married to Robert Bowers. She was a nurse for 30 years, working in dialysis and medical-surgical/oncology. For 20 years, she taught in the Practical Nursing Program at BCC/EFSC before retiring in 2017. She was survived by her husband, Robert; daughters: Cheryl and Denise (son-in-law, Rob); granddaughter, Laura; grandsons: Stephen (granddaughter-in-law, Angel) and Ryan; and great-granddaughter, Nicole. Funeral arrangements will be held on Thursday, February 20, 2020, at East Coast Christian Center. The visitation and service will be held in the Avenue Worship Center building at East Coast Christian Center on Merritt Island.

Eulogy

Margarett Jeannette Usina (Jeannette to everyone who knew her) was born at home on March 30th, 1936, to Clyde and Maggie Usina in St. Augustine, Florida.

- o She had an older sister, Doris, and two older brothers, Reese and Bobby, and, eventually, a younger sister, Shirley.

- o Jeannette grew up on the family-owned dairy farm.

- o During World War 2, they sold the farm and moved to town because of gas

rationing.

- In 1955, Jeannette married Robert Bowers, who she met at the Winn-Dixie, where they both worked.
 - o Their first daughter, Cheryl, was born in 1957, and their second daughter, Denise, was born in 1962.
 - o In 1973, Jeannette, Robert, Cheryl, and (eventual son-in-law) Joe Mutter, went to Israel with First Baptist Church Merritt Island as a part of the choir for traveling Palestinian evangelist, Anish Shorrosh.
 - While there, a goatherder wanted to buy Cheryl from them. He stroked Cheryl's face, and Jeannette waved her finger at him and said, "Keep your hands off the merchandise." Obviously, the goatherder was unsuccessful in his purchase.
- Jeannette was a hairdresser until 1984, when she went to nursing school at Brevard Community College, graduating as a Licensed Practical Nurse just after her first grandchild, Laura, was born.
 - o Right after returning home from taking the state board exam to be a Registered Nurse in 1987, her first grandson, Stephen, was born.
 - o The following February, her second grandson, Ryan, was born. There was no degree received at this birth.
- During her nursing career, Jeannette worked in dialysis and medical-surgical/oncology nursing.
- Jeannette earned her Bachelor's of Science in Nursing in 1996. No babies were born this year.
- In 1997, she began teaching at Brevard Community College as an instructor in the Practical Nursing Program.
 - o Her daughter, Cheryl, was one of her graduates in 1999.
- Jeannette earned her Master's of Science in Nursing in 2004 from the University of Phoenix, which prompted a family vacation so she could receive her diploma in person. No babies were born this year, either.
- In January 2005, as an Associate Professor, Jeannette became the Program Coordinator for the Practical Nursing Program.

- In February of 2015, Jeannette became a proud great-grandmother of Nicole Evelyn Gombar (known as Nikki), daughter of Stephen and Angel.
- After teaching for 20 years, Jeannette retired in May 2017.
- The following month, Jeannette and the rest of the family moved to West Virginia so that they could be close to Nikki as she grew up.
- After two years, homesickness crept in and the entire family moved back to Florida. Everyone thought it was too difficult to live without Publix, good food, and straight, flat roads.
- After several years of physical and mental decline, on February 13, 2020, Jeannette went home to be with Jesus.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **20**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

East Coast Christian Center
680 N. Courtenay Pky
Merritt Island , FL 32953
(321) 452-1060
<https://eccc.us/>

Funeral Service

FEB **20**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Margarette Jeanette Bowers*

January 30, 2023 at 03:36 AM



“ *I would like to give my sincere condolences to Mrs Bowers family and I apologize for this very late entry but I was not in the area and unaware of her passing. What a wonderful person she was and a woman her family can be so proud of for many reasons. I had Jeannette as a professor at BCC graduating in 2007. I also started college later in life and after reading this wonderful tribute of her life I understand even more so as to why she had faith in me as a student nurse. I thank God for blessing me with her and I'm happy to read that she enjoyed her career and family to the max following my own graduation. I often thought of her and remembered so many nursing tips she taught us. RIP beautiful lady. You were a blessing to so many.*

Laura "Cathy" Morgan

Laura Carhy Morgan - June 07, 2021 at 06:56 PM



“ *I have fond memories of Mrs. Bowers having graduated from her LPN program at BCC in 2006. She was an inspiration and role model to all of us. She and her loved ones are in my thoughts and prayers. Catherine Leary Tidmore, RN*



Catherine Tidmore - February 28, 2020 at 12:25 PM

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“ *The pastors, staff, and congregation members of Grace United Methodist Church wish to extend their sincere Christian sympathy to the family at this time of sorrow.
All are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Grace UMC - February 21, 2020 at 09:25 AM