



Ms. Joanne Megivern Nelson

July 4, 2016

Joanne Megivern Nelson, a resident of Augusta, Georgia died Monday the 4th of July at Westwood Nursing Home. Joanne was born in 1940 in Sidney, New York to Stephen and Santina Megivern, She was raised in Cortland where she was graduated from St. Mary's High School. Joanne received a Bachelor of Arts from The College of New Rochelle in 1962.

Joanne taught elementary school English class and worked as a book editor for Houghton Mifflin in the 1960s in Boston. In a career shift in 1983, she returned to school at Southern Technical University in Marietta, Georgia, where she received a Bachelor of Science in Computer Programming, and was honored as valedictorian of her class. Joanne subsequently worked for many years for defense industry magnates including the Tybrin Corporation. She retired from this work in 2006 to Fort Walton Beach, Florida. Joanne loved travel and intellectual pursuits. Her capstone adventure was a several week tour through Eastern Europe and Turkey, where she reveled in the juxtaposition of cultures at the cradle of Western Civilization.

She is survived by her two sons, Eric and Paul, her daughter-in-law Sara, her two brothers Steve and John Megivern, and her three grandchildren Devon, Alex, and Brooke. Memorial gifts may be made to the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) at <http://www.uusc.org/> or by calling (617) 868-6600.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday July 12, 2016 at 11:30 a.m. in the Chapel of Riccardi Funeral Home 69 N. Main St., Cortland, N.Y. 13045. Prayers of committal will follow in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Cortland, N.Y. Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.riccardifuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall

JC

“ I was deeply saddened to hear of Joanne's passing this morning at our UU church service. I knew Joanne through church and knew her to be warm, bright, kind, and caring. I send my deepest condolences for your loss. I know she will be missed and mourned for a long time to come. A bright light has truly gone out.

Janet Chapman - May 18, 2018 at 10:56 AM

RH

“ We were surprised and saddened to hear of Joanne's passing. We knew her from the UU church here in Florida. She was a regular member of our church lunch group. We had already missed her when she left to be near family and had hoped that she would be with you for a much longer time. She was easy to talk to and also taught us how to cheat at Freecell.

Richard Hoffert - May 18, 2018 at 10:56 AM

JL

“ Joanne was one of my first friends when I came to the UU Fellowship in Florida. I appreciated her welcome and always enjoyed talking with her. We found we had so much in agreement! I've missed her since she moved to Georgia.

Jo Ann Laible - May 18, 2018 at 10:56 AM

JR

“ It is with great sadness that I heard about the death of our friend, Joanne. She was a member of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, where I have been since the '70s. She was in the choir and always ready to help when needed. She was also involved with some of the Democratic politics in our area and if you know about those here you will know that we miss her there, too. Please know that she made a difference here and is missed, even now.

Judy Byrne Riley - May 18, 2018 at 10:56 AM