



Ann Lee (Ruck) Cooney

December 5, 1943 - September 1, 2023

Ann Lee (Ruck) Cooney, 79, passed away peacefully in her home on Friday, September 1, 2023. Ann was born on December 5, 1943 in Clarksburg, WV. She was the only child of Alice Jane and William Ruck, DDS. Ann is survived by her husband of 56 years, Winston (Wic), daughter Elizabeth Paige (John) Salvo of Voorhees, NJ and grandchildren Jack and Katie Salvo.

After graduating from Salem College in 1966 she met her future husband in Philadelphia, PA where he was attending a Navy school. They were married in San Diego, CA then moved to Honolulu, HI where she taught on the US Air Force Base. Wic finished his tour in the Navy, and they moved to West Chester, PA, where Ann taught elementary school after completing graduate courses at Immaculata University. They then moved to Johnstown, PA where for 19 years Ann devoted her time to raising their daughter and exercising her passion for education by serving as a volunteer advocate for both gifted and learning-disabled students.

She was the happiest when she was on the beach or by a pool. She and Wic retired to Sarasota, FL. where they spent over 20 years on Siesta Key enjoying the beach before moving inland.

Ann was always ready for an adventure. She loved traveling, attending the theater, going to happy hour weekly with her friends, and swimming at

beaches all around the world. It was important to her that her grandchildren had these opportunities also. When they were little, she always found the best activities and playgrounds. When they were older, she brought them on cruises so they could visit other countries, swim with dolphins, and eat unlimited ice cream.

Ann was not comfortable with silence, and she talked to everyone. She was a woman of a million questions; if you could survive the interview, she would be your friend and advocate for life. She leaves behind a legacy of adventure, love, and laughter. She is sorely missed. Friends and family will be celebrating her life and toasting Ann with her favorite chocolate martinis when the snowbirds return in October.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Wic and Ann were Dinner pals with us for years always cheerful and fun to be with she will be missed. Bob and Carol Bielby. Sarasota*

Robert Bielby - September 06, 2023 at 08:05 PM