



Joan Schwenk Shaver

November 20, 2020

Joan Shaver died Friday morning, November 20, 2020 in her home. She was 85, born in Yonkers, NY in April of 1935 to Walter and Margaret Schwenk.

Joan spent her early years in the New York area, graduating from Pelham Memorial High School and Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs, NY, graduating in 1956. She was a stewardess for Pan Am Airways in California, for over 30 years where she met her husband James (Jim) Shaver, a Pan Am pilot. They married in February of 1981 and resided in Norwalk, Connecticut.

She and Jim retired to Sarasota. They both enjoyed the outdoors including sailing, curling and gardening. Joan was a volunteer for the Marie Selby Botanical Gardens for several years.

Joan was preceded in death by her parents and husband. She is survived by a brother Robert (& Mieke) Schwenk, Switzerland and numerous nephews and nieces.

Memorials may be made to Marie Selby Botanical Gardens at 1534 Mound St., Sarasota, Florida 34236

Tribute Wall

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“ I recall very clearly meeting Joan in August 1958 while traveling with my three Navy mates from Istanbul to New York on PAA Flight 67/18. Joan was our stewardess and, at 23 years of age, the youngest crew member on the flight. A lovely young woman just beginning a long rewarding career with Pan Am. Seeing her obituary recently, I know a little more about her later life and won't forget her.

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