



Joanne M. Portera

April 14, 1936 - April 2, 2021

Joanne M. Portera, 84 of Sarasota, FL passed away on Friday April 2, 2021 with her children by her side. Joanne was born April 14, 1936 in Buffalo, New York to Dr. Stephen G. and Gertrude (Kibler) DiPasquale. She moved from Kenmore, NY to Venice in 1972, then moved to Sarasota in 1977. She was the Office Manager for Dr. M. Lipman, D.O., a Phlebotomist for Sarasota Blood Bank, then Sarasota Memorial Hospital until retiring. After retiring she volunteered as a Beach Ambassador at Siesta Key Beach and at St. Wilfred Episcopal Church's Food Pantry.

Survivors include her children, Debra A. Sweat of Mt. Washington, KY; Elizabeth A. (Skip) Cowan of Englewood, FL; C. J. (Rochelle) Portera, Jr. of San Angelo, TX; her brothers and sisters; Stephen G. (Frannie) DiPasquale, Jr., of Tonawanda, NY; Elizabeth (Joe) Domino of Kenmore, NY; Mary Margaret (Mike) Battaglia of Kenmore, NY; Donald (Dale) DiPasquale of Boca Raton, FL; Karen Volat of West Palm Beach, FL. Also survived by 8 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her life mate of 36 years, Jean D. "Jeannie" Osborn.

A celebration of life for will be held on Saturday, August 7, 2021 from 1:00 PM until 4:00 PM in the clubhouse at Oak Forest, Proctor Road, Sarasota.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital or Hospice of Sarasota.

Please visit www.toalebrothers.com for additional service information to be announced. Toale Brothers Funeral Home, Colonial Chapel is handling arrangements.

Tribute Wall

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“*Joanne is such a sweet lady. She gave so much to others. Her volunteer service as a Beach Ambassador reached many people coming to enjoy life along the Gulf coast. Joanne's service definitely helped Siesta Beach shine! Sarasota County staff are grateful for her service and the time we were able to spend with her.*”

Jonathan Poyner - April 15, 2021 at 11:57 AM

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“*Joanne is a beautiful soul with a very sweet smile. Soar with the Angels, Joanne*💕💕”

Kathleen Larkin - April 10, 2021 at 07:41 PM