



## Marilyn (Mickey) Ella Brookes (nee Senior)

February 2, 1925 - March 25, 2022

Marilyn (Mickey) Ella Brookes (nee Senior) born February 2, 1925 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania peacefully passed away March 25, 2022 in Venice, Florida. She was devoted to her family.

Marilyn grew up and attended her early educational years, in Pennsylvania, Indiana, California, Panama, and Medellin, Colombia before returning to her home state and graduating from Frankfort High School in Philadelphia, PA. Marilyn attended Gettysburg College and earned Bachelors of Science Degree in Education. She was a member of Beta Pi and it was in college where she met her husband Robert (Bob) Kincaid Brookes a WWII US Army Air Corp Combat Veteran, who was awarded a Purple Heart, along with The Prisoner of War of Medal. Robert was from Princeton, New Jersey.

She went on to earn her Masters of Education from Temple University. For 30 plus years she worked for both Haddon Heights and Haddon Township High School where she taught Spanish, became the Department Head, and concluding as Assistant Principal. Upon retirement she applied and was accepted in the US Peace Corps. She was a teacher Trainer assigned to the Fiji Island Suva for the Fiji College of Advanced Education.

After completing her Peace Corp position, she enjoyed traveling the world, and was always up and ready for any adventure. To the very end she was completely aware and opinionated of current affairs, she enjoyed ending her by day reading a good book with a glass of red wine, and piece of chocolate.

She is survived by her daughter Marilyn (Brookes) Williams (Michael Paul) Houston, Texas, son David S. Brookes (Victoria Frances) of Cardiff by the Sea, California, daughter Melissa Brookes of Venice, Florida. Timothy Knetz of Venice, Florida. She is survived by 5 grandchildren and 7 great children.

She lived a long life that was well lived, and she loved her journey through it. She would

want the moment of her departure to be celebrated in a manner similar to the way the moment of her arrival was greeted, with joy and with great expectations, and believed we can find the courage to lay this phase of the journey down when it is appropriate to do so, and to enter what is to come. Eternal Life: A New vision (201)

Rest in Peace dear mom / grandma you were loved and admired for your undying love and strength by all, and will always be remembered. See you on the other side.

Can't Stop the Spirits when they need you. Her life was more than a read through.

# Tribute Wall

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“ So sad to hear this news; I was her student at Haddon Township High School where she was an excellent Spanish teacher who taught me well. She and I had a very good relationship through my high school years; and I would, shortly after high school, become a member of the board of education for decades. Our life paths continue to cross, and I was thrilled when she became Assistant Principal of the high school! She likewise excelled in her role as Vice Principal; and she and I continued to have such positive interactions! Her clear and friendly personality always shown through in every encounter she had with everyone; the students; the faculty; and the administration. Such a respected and well loved and magnificent person! She was always a great advisor, a wise and thoughtful teacher and respected educational leader; and a wonderful friend. God bless all of you at this sad time.

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**Mark Cavallo** - April 20, 2022 at 06:04 PM

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“ I can picture Mickey and Thea laughing and hugging. Visiting all the places they missed here on earth. I could never thank her enough for her Monday phone calls to Thea. She so looked forward to them, and then the calls to me ! Mickey truly was an inspiration and had unbelievable strength. Probably mixed with a bit of stubbornness. LoL. She raised wonderful children and family. Time to continue on and to continue making her proud. She will be watching over all of you! A life well lived lovely lady! Love you forever!

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**JacLynne Hurd Frister** - March 30, 2022 at 07:34 PM

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“ I have so many memories of time spent in the Brookes home and at Erlton Swim Club. Too many memories to write here but here's a couple. I remember the time when Mrs Brookes told me as we were all adults I should call her Mickey and I responded "ok Mrs Brookes ". We went to her childhood home in Ephrata PA where Melissa and I got into all kinds of trouble - Mrs Brookes was the "cool" mom for me never too much trouble and never got punished for any shenanigans. We went to plays, shows and fancy dinners afterwards. Picnics in the park and slurppies from 7-11. We would have lively conversation and I'll always remember her hearty laugh and sense of humor. I'm so glad I saw her in October and chatted with her and filled her in with "gossip ". Love to Marilyn and David but especially for my lifelong friend Missy and Ella- you were so lucky to have been there with her to the end. Theresa Tolotta

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**Theresa Tolotta** - March 30, 2022 at 09:04 AM

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“ She will always be Mrs. Brooke’s to me, a classy lady with a warm heart. My first memory was the great lunches she sent Melissa to school with that included Tastycake butterscotch Krimpets- Melissa shared hers with me quite often. As Principle after I graduated I stopped in to drop something off for a younger sibling. She sent me to the office thinking I was my younger sibling cutting classes. She said we all look so much alike & both laughed. For my wedding, she gifted me personalized calligraphy invitations for 250. She raised a great person and dear friend, Melissa. Cheers to her life, may she Rest In Peace. A life well lived will surely be missed. Condolences to all her family.

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**Kathy Kelly** - March 28, 2022 at 01:54 PM