

Obituary

Joy Crystal Wight Peterkin passed on September 8, 2019, of complications from injuries in a car accident, on June 28, 2019, in Inverness, Florida. Her husband, Salem Edward Chard died at the accident, at age 90. Joy was born March 23, 1944 in Lewiston, Maine. Her parents were Charles Osman Wight and Ruby Frances Farrington.

In addition to her parents and her husband, Joy was preceded in death by her children, Melissa Millett, 1972-2014; Shawn O'Brien, 1967-2007; Vincent O'Brien, 1965-2002.



She is survived by an Aunt, Muriel Chandler of Monmouth, Maine; a brother, Justin Wight of Abbott, Maine; a sister, Gloria Danforth Redmond of Maine. Her surviving children are Marc Millett of Pass Christian, Mississippi and Judith O'Brien Beck of Gulfport, Mississippi. Joy's grandchildren are Daniel Spaulding of Slidell, LA; Crystal Spaulding Perry of Gulfport, MS; Nathaniel O'Brien of Maine; Billyjoe Beck of Gulfport, MS; Johnathan Millett of Gulfport, MS; Darren Millett of Texas. Joy's Great Grandchildren are Caleb Grimsley, Brendan Spaulding, Grayson Spaulding, Caydence Grimsley and one child on way (of Darren Millett). She has several beloved Nieces, Nephews & Cousins. She has many long time Friends.

Joy was educated at Monmouth Academy, of Monmouth, Maine. She graduated in 1962, with High Honors. She went on to college in 1977, at the University of Maine, in Augusta, Maine and earned a degree of Associates in Science in Criminal Justice. She was on the Dean's List all Semesters.

Joy's career started with several bookkeeping positions. After college she began a career as a Paralegal and Assistant to the Victim Advocate, at the Auburn Court House in Auburn, Maine. Around 1980, she moved on to teaching Computer and Business Classes, in Lewiston, for the State of Maine to help educate and motivate low income people to strive for employment. After 1988 she retired to Florida, moved to Mississippi in the 1990s and lost everything she owned to Hurricane Katrina in 2005. She owned and managed several Rental Properties both in Maine and Mississippi.

Joy enjoyed many adventures and traveled the US, also Canada and Jamaica. She also toured parts of Europe, England, Ireland and Scotland. Joy was highly intelligent and a candid person who spoke her mind. She loved animals and often had dogs, horses and other animals. Her dog Lil'bit survived the accident.

She grew up Baptist but preferred Methodist. She did not want any services but her ashes spread in a private destination in Maine. Donations can be made in her name to the ASPCA. Private cremation will take place under the direction of Brown Funeral Home and Crematory in Lecanto, Florida.