

Mary Clarice Howell passed away on "All Saints Day", November 1, 2020. Mary's Mother and oldest Sister both died only 2 years ago! She was the youngest daughter of P. B. Howell, Jr. and Winifred Alice Knight. Mary Clarice Howell was born in Leesburg, Florida on November 9, 1957. She attended schools at Fruitland Park, Beverly Shores, Leesburg High, Howey Academy and was a graduate of Tavares High School.



Mary graduated from Brevard College in North Carolina with an Associate of Fine Arts degree. She earned her B.A. degree and a degree in Music Education from Shenandoah University in Winchester, Virginia. Mary held several teaching positions in Public, Private and Christian Schools in Lake, Sumter, Citrus, Orange, and Marion Counties. She had a "God given gift" for teaching Children who were Physically or Mentally challenged. She excelled in musical abilities, even as a small child.

Mary was such a sweet, kind and compassionate person who loved God, family and friends with all her heart.

Mary Clarice was a member of P.E.O. International Sisterhood; Chapter BH in Leesburg. She has been a member of both Morrison United Methodist Church in Leesburg and Community United Methodist Church in Fruitland Park. She loved spending summers as a child at the Methodist Youth Camp. Mary attended the Aldersgate Walk to Emmaus in 1986 and served on teams in Leesburg and Jacksonville as a Musician.

Early in 1958, the Howell family moved to "Pine Eden" in Fruitland Park. (Today it is the "Rose Plantation") She and her 2 teenage sisters; Linda and Peggy enjoyed many years growing up in that big old home on Fountain Lake. There were so many wonderful memories while living there and in Leesburg. Mary especially loved to water ski on Lake Harris. Her Step Dad, Bernard Galbreath helped her learn at "Ski Beach". Mary also loved to travel. While in College; her Choral Group performed during a European tour to Austria, Germany and France.

She has traveled to many places in the United States, Mexico and Canada with family & friends.

Mary Clarice is predeceased by her Grandparents, from Bushnell and Lake Panasoffkee; her parents, P.B. Howell and Winifred Knight Howell (Galbreath/Rast) of Leesburg and Fruitland Park. She is also predeceased by her sister, Linda Myer White (Mike) ; Nephews, Joey Farrell and Jud Myer; Niece, Jennifer Tedeschi and Cousin, Karen Thornton Hitchcock.

Survivors are: Her Sister, Margaret Howell Farrell (Charles) of New Smyrna Beach; Brothers in-law; Charles Farrell of NSB and Michael White of Bell; Nephews, Brian Farrell of Ocala and Hardee Myer(Juanda), of Hatchbend; Nieces; Dr. Allison K. Myer Peters(Brian) of Ocala and Marlene Myer(Jud, deceased) of Clarksville, Tennessee. Great Nieces & Nephews include: Melanie Myer, of Portland Oregon; Sabrina Myer Skawenski (Darren) of Hatchbend; Austin Myer(Donna) of Hatchbend; Michael Vette Tedeschi of Gainesville; Brandon Myer of Clarksville, Tennessee; Joey Myer(Katherine) of Jonesboro, Arkansas; Harley Myer of Clarksville, Tennessee; Great Great Nieces: Sophia Jennifer Skawenski of Hatchbend; Riley Blake Myer of Arkansas; Ellie May Myer of Hatchbend. Aunts: Freddie Thornton Leigh of Wildwood, and Grace Wolford Podsiadlo of Clermont; Uncle; William "Bill" Knight(Ann) of Alachua. There are 11 First Cousins! Mary's large "Step Families" include: Suzanne Hardaway(Wade) of Leesburg; Jerry, Blandine and John Paul Galbreath of Leesburg; Faye Gaskins (Jerry);and Shannon & Jonathon of Ft. Payne, Alabama; Nancy Rast Lipps (Chip); Will Lipps(Alicia)and Hillary & Brady of Wildwood; Terri Lipps Farris(Bob) and Sammy, of Fruitland Park; Billie Kay Rast Golden(Frank); Glenn Golden & Dena Golden Tanner; all of Locust Grove, Georgia.

Mary Clarice adored her sisters and all of her Nieces, Nephews, Aunts, Uncle, Cousins, and her lifelong family friend, Kerstin Kellner of Lecanto, who also lived at "Pine Eden" with Mary and Winifred Howell in the 1960's.

Family members will gather on Thanksgiving Day in Lake Panasoffkee. On that special day; We will have a private Memorial service for Mary.

There will be an outdoor "Celebration of a Life Lived" for Mary's friends & family on December 12th at 11:00 a.m. This Service will be held in Fruitland Park at the Community United Methodist Church "Love Garden".

- The family wishes to extend their gratitude to Life Care center of Citrus county and Vitas Hospice House, Lecanto.

