

Barbara Joan Amelunxen (Joanie), age 76, of Lecanto, FL, passed away July 12, 2023 at the Vitas Hospice in Lecanto, FL. Joanie was born on July 23, 1946 in Hemstead, NY to Roger and Maria (Bartelsman) Amelunxen. About 5 years ago, Joanie moved from Woodbridge, VA to Citrus County, Florida, retiring from her work as a patent examining attorney for the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office. Throughout her life, she was an avid animal enthusiast, and she was honored as a top-ranked dog breeder in the US.



She is survived by her loving family, including her husband, Sheldon Parker; seven children, Alex Bendien, Sandra Bendien, Ken Parker, Steve Parker, Richard Parker, Trishka Hornbeck and Jason Parker; one sister, Anneke Leupin; one brother, Roger Amelunxen; six grandchildren; and her two Boston Terriers, Champion Sugar and Grand Champion Little.

Private cremation will take place under the direction of Brown Funeral Home and Crematory in Lecanto, FL.