

**In loving memory of Lt Colonel Janice Seymour Ashworth, U.S. Airforce (Retired), June 22, 1941 – December 26, 2024.**

Janice (Jan) Seymour Ashworth, a proud veteran of the U.S. Air Force, passed away peacefully in her home on December 26, 2024. She was 83 years old.

Janice was a trailblazer and a woman of remarkable strength and dedication. She graduated from Macon Hospital School of Nursing in 1962 (Macon, GA). She enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1971 and served her country with honor for 30 years. Rising to the rank of Lt. Colonel, Jan led nursing operations at numerous Air Force bases. Her specialty was obstetrics and gynecology, with a focus on high-risk babies and mothers. She provided leadership and mentoring to countless medical professionals who provided care to active-duty soldiers and their families. Once retired from the service in 2001, Jan returned to university to receive an advanced clinical degree. She was a Nurse Practitioner in Crystal River, FL for many years before full retirement. Jan loved nursing. She was a natural leader and teacher. She dedicated her life to serving her country and caring for the most vulnerable.

Beyond her military and civilian careers, Jan was active in community theater and choir. She performed in or directed a number of local productions. Her community choir performed at Carnegie Hall in New York City. Jan loved travelling the world and she loved impromptu parties with friends and neighbors at home. She held a special place in her heart for two friends, Stephanie Craver Chrobak and Janet (Nikki) Curtis. She loved all animals, including the butterflies, rabbit and snake in her garden and her loyal dogs, Mocha and Beau.

Jan is survived by her sister, Brenda Seymour Brown, of Citrus Springs, FL, two nieces, Lisa Riker and Tina Shumway and their families. She is preceded in death by her mother and father, Hazel and Harry Seymour.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m., January 15<sup>th</sup> at Brown Funeral Home Lecanto, FL, followed by a military service at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, FL. In lieu of flowers, please donate to Citrus Hospice House, Lecanto, FL.

Jan's passions for service and mentoring, along with her joie de vivre, will live on in the many who knew and loved her.

