



Joyce Anne Schad Bowling

January 26, 1940 - June 7, 2022

Joyce Anne Schad Bowling passed away at Westminster-Canterbury Retirement Community in Lynchburg, VA on Tuesday, June 7, 2022. She suffered from Dementia and related health problems which necessitated nursing care assistance.

She was born on January 26, 1940 in Richmond, VA to Joseph A. Schad and Eleanora Anne Jewett, both of Syracuse, NY. She was the older sister of Joan Schad Lewis Marshall. Joyce was married to Carmen R. Bowling until his death in 1977. Her sister, Joan, stepdaughter Lyn Bowling Nutt (Luke) and grandson Rick, nieces Anne Arrington Jones, Sandra Nelson Morgan; great nieces and nephews, Hayley and Bryce Jones, Nelson A. Morgan (Arielle), Rachael Morgan and Easton Morgan-Moomaw, survive her. Many cousins and friends and Joyce's lifelong (since third grade) friend, Peggy Skinner Morgan. Two new family members, Rick Marshall and Sheryl Melanbacher also survive. Joyce had no children.

Joyce grew up in Blacksburg where she attended public schools, graduating high school in 1957. She also attended Virginia Tech as a special student (students who were taking classes as non-degree). She earned all A's. Also, a veteran, she served the United States Navy for two years. She received an honorable discharge and returned to the Blacksburg area where she lived the remainder of her life except for the past few months.

Joyce was passionate about cats and likely spent as much time volunteering as working.

In the early 70's, Joyce worked for Rivendell, a place for troubled youth. She managed the Piedmont Condominiums in Blacksburg for many years. She also volunteered at a suicide hot line and volunteered as a poll worker for the Democratic Party. Her longest service was for the Humane Society of Montgomery County. Anyone who knew Joyce knew she loved cats. It was said she rescued half the cats in Blacksburg and fed the other half. She loved playing sports and played on softball, soccer, and rugby teams in Blacksburg. She also loved to run marathons and 10K's. Even though she did not start running until she was 40 years old, she brought home several ribbons and trophies. She was a voracious reader and an interesting person to talk to on any subject. Mostly though, she was a good friend and sister who was always there when you needed her.

A Memorial Service will be held at 11:00 am on Tuesday, June 28, 2022, at the McCoy Funeral Home, 150 Country Club Drive S.W, Blacksburg, Virginia. A reception will be held following the service at Lefty's Main Street Grille, 1410 S. Main Street, Blacksburg, Virginia, 24060. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Humane Society of Montgomery County.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN **28**. 11:00 AM (ET)

McCoy Funeral Home
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Tribute Wall

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“Joan, I am so sorry to hear that Joyce has left us. I remember meeting her when my family moved in across the street from your parents in 1962. She was always friendly and kind and funny. Even after I grew up and moved away she continued to come over to check on my mother Charlotte Beamer and to visit with her. When my mother went to live in assisted living, I would find that Joyce and another neighbor would have come by to see her. She was always a dear and sweet soul. I am sorry for your loss. Elizabeth Beamer Craig

Elizabeth Beamer Craig - June 26, 2022 at 08:15 PM

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“Joyce came into my life when I was a young woman. Our relationship was more like a sister than a step-mother. I remember us chasing each other on Pensacola Beach, discussing life issues, and just hanging out with her cats. Also, Joyce took very good care of my father until he went home. I am so grateful for her compassion and love for him. As my cousin said, she was a loving, caring soul. I am thankful God planned for our circles to intertwine. Peace and love to you, Joyce. Meow! Lyn Nutt, Pensacola, FL



Lyn Nutt - June 15, 2022 at 02:46 PM

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“Joyce. What a sweet soul. Saddened to hear of her passing. Reelecting on what was, and so appreciative of my brief walk with her and my uncle Carr in Blacksburg during Radford graduate school year 72-73. They kept me, allowing me to afford going for my Master's degree. Never forget their kindness. So many things, things of kindness, concern, and well wishes for me. Prayers to all family, friends, and those who knew her. The last time I spoke with her, I reminisced about that time. We laughed, and shared what we could. See you on the other side Joyce, my friend. Love, John Curtis, Virginia Beach

John Curtis - June 15, 2022 at 12:35 PM