



Joyce Ann Clifton

August 23, 1941 - October 28, 2020

JOYCE ANN CLIFTON, age 78, passed away on October 28, 2020 in Houston, Texas from complications from cancer treatment. Joyce was born in Niagara Falls, New York but grew up in Wyandotte, Michigan and graduated from High School in Medford, New Jersey.

She is survived by her loving husband, George Clifton; her son, Bryan Clifton and his wife, Wendy and their children, Carter and Charles; her daughter, Lauren Clifton; her sister-in-law, Kathleen Walker and her sister-in-law, Nancy Jurechko. Joyce was preceded in death by her father, Mike Jurechko; mother, Anita Jurechko; and her brother, Steven Jurechko.

Joyce graduated from nursing school at Episcopal Hospital in Philadelphia. Joyce was commissioned as a Lieutenant, Junior Grade in the Navy Nurse Corp in 1965. She served honorably during the Vietnam War at the Naval Hospital in Yokuska, Japan. Joyce also served on the hospital ship, Repose, in Long Beach California. Joyce met her future husband, a young Army lieutenant, in Yokohama, Japan and they married in Redlands, California in 1971. Joyce and George moved to Houston when he began law school. After 10 years of service Joyce resigned her commission at the rank of Lieutenant Commander.

Joyce enjoyed gardening, spending time with her grandchildren, and playing Chickenfoot with her friends. She was a loyal Aggie Mom and always rooted

for the Aggie and Navy football teams although her husband was a Teasip and rooted for Army. Joyce was a member of Aggie Moms, Northwest Women's Club, the DAR, San Jacinto Chapter and Colonial Dames XVII Century, Cross Trails Chapter.

A celebration of life service will be held at Addison Funeral Home, 18630 Kuykendahl Road, Spring, TX 77379 on Friday, November 6, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the Houston Aggie Moms' Club in Joyce's name.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Addison Funeral Home
18630 Kuykendahl Road
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Tribute Wall



“ *Joyce Ann Clifton*

July 20, 2022 at 05:14 PM



“ *Joyce was a wonderful nurse, friend and colleague. We worked together for many years together at Klein ISD and maintained a friendship after she retired. Her memory will remain with all the children and families she touched in her years as a school nurse. She will be greatly missed by all of us who knew and loved her.*

Sandy Smith

Sandy Smith - November 11, 2020 at 11:39 AM



“ *I am saddened to hear of Joyce's passing. It was a privilege to serve with Joyce in providing nursing services to the students of Klein ISD. I am grateful for the opportunity to know Joyce and learn from her wisdom.*

Laurie Combe - November 11, 2020 at 11:35 AM



“ *Will miss Joyce at the reunions, always like to hear her stories.
Take care
Spike*

Charles McMillan - November 05, 2020 at 07:13 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Joyce Ann Clifton.



November 02, 2020 at 05:04 PM



“ *Rainbow Reflections Basket* was purchased for the family of Joyce Ann Clifton.



November 02, 2020 at 12:12 PM

“ Three stories come to mind:

I remember when Bryan earned his Eagle Scout badge. The Scouts hosted a beautiful ceremony. Joyce made a special cake for the event. The cake was topped with an incredible flor-de-lis, the symbol adopted by the Scouts. As I watched Joyce and George working closely together to put the finishing touches on the cake, it struck me how important family and its traditions were to both of them, and that was the glue that made their marriage special. Every event had Joyce's touch whether it be beautifully decorated cakes for Bryan and Lauren's birthdays, making sure family birthdays were all celebrated, hosting Aggie Mom and Chicken Foot get togethers, or planning Christmas and putting up a wonderland of Christmas decorations. Once Joyce took on a project, she attended to every detail with stunning results.

Joyce loved to travel. It is no surprise that she and George met overseas and continued to travel throughout their marriage. In these later years, they invited me on their road trips, and I jumped at the chance to ride along. Joyce loved maps and always planned an excellent trip, and George and I happily let her do that. However, she surprised us on more than one occasion when our road turned into a terrifyingly steep mountain road. One of the routes was a one lane dirt road with two-way traffic. It was a one-lane dirt road with two-way traffic. At one point we were all screaming, George white knuckling the steering wheel and Joyce and I sitting on the passenger side staring down into a steep ravine. And like I said, that was not the only trip that gave us heart attacks like that. I think it was her secret joke on us.

Joyce's heritage included revolutionary patriot ancestors, which entitled her to be a long-standing member of the DAR (National Society Daughters of the American Revolution). When Ancestry and 23 and Me software sites came available, she dove in deep to research and confirm her vast family records. I remember her coming to visit us with the biggest family records book I had ever seen. I was so impressed with her knowledge of American history

and the men and women who lived at that time. She loved all things Americana and was a strong patriot herself, having served as a Navy Nurse.

Rest in Peace to my Sister-in-Law Joyce.

*With love,
Kathy Clifton Walker*

Kathy Walker - October 30, 2020 at 02:42 PM