



## Mary Rogers Brown

June 1, 1941 - August 29, 2018

Mary Rogers Brown passed away on Wednesday, August 29, 2018 of renal failure, at Hospice House in Tallahassee, with her daughter, brothers and sisters-in-law present. Friends and colleagues visited her during her care at Hospice House.

Mary Janice Rogers was born at home on June 1, 1941 in Tallahassee, FL. In 1949 she chose the winning number 8, her age then, to help her Mom win the local game show Quizo. She attended grade school in Leon County and graduated with the Leon High School class of 1959. She received a bachelor's degree in Art Education with a minor in ceramic glazes in 1963, and a Master's Degree in Special Education in 1975 from Florida State University.

Mary was an elementary school art teacher in Dade County, FL and taught ceramics for adults and children at Lemoyne Arts in Tallahassee. She was Supervisor of the Florida Department of Developmental Services Program Office where she was a strong advocate for persons with disabilities. She was one of the first Parent Trainers in Florida, going to parents' homes in seven counties to teach them skills to help their disabled child. She was also Academic Consultant with the Diagnostic and Evaluation team to determine eligibility and ongoing services for parents and children with developmental disability. Her coworkers remember her sense of humor, fairness, and her love for children and those with disabilities. Mary was a great role model for those she supervised and had genuine respect and regard for everyone, regardless of their race, education, marital status, or economic class.

Mary raised her daughter Margaret as a single Mom, and her grandchildren and great grandchildren were the joy of her life. She enjoyed making and teaching ceramics, gardening, knitting, caring for her cats and inspiring others to create art.

Mary is survived by her daughter Margaret Skrivseth (and husband Eric) of Altoona, PA, granddaughters Morgan Averill and Meagan Averill, great grandchildren Malia, Parker and Lorelei, brothers Philip Rogers (and wife Brenda), Richard Rogers (and wife Susan),

David Rogers (and wife Robin) and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents Bill and Norah Rogers, brother John Rogers and an infant sister.

Mary faced a series of daunting medical challenges most of her adult life, always accepting a new situation with her characteristic grace, optimism, courage and humor. Her strength, determination and bright outlook were an inspiration to her family and friends.

A celebration of Mary's life will be held at 4:00PM on Saturday, November 3, 2018, at Bevis Funeral Home, 200 John Knox Road.

Memorial contributions may be made to Lemoyne Arts, 417 East Call Street, Tallahassee, FL 32301 or Big Bend Hospice, 723 Mahan Center Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32308.

# Events

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**NOV** **Memorial Service** 04:00PM

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Bevis Funeral Home

200 John Knox Rd, Tallahassee, FL, US, 32303

# Comments

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“ Mary was one of those people who come into your life for a short period, but who make a life long memory. She was a special person and I am grateful to have met her. I am sorry to hear of her passing.

**Jeannie Becker-powell** - October 28, 2018 at 08:23 AM