



Beverly Jane Doolan

November 19, 1938 - June 10, 2012

Beverly Jane “Janie” Doolan, a homemaker who raised three children with her husband, then went on to teach a popular workout class for seniors, died Sunday, June 10, 2012 at Big Bend Hospice surrounded by family. She was 73. Janie Burke was born November 19, 1938 in Westernport, Maryland, and enjoyed growing up in the mountains with her four siblings. Raised by her mother, Lillian, and stepfather John Miller, Janie graduated from Bruce High School in 1956. In 1958, Janie married Francis Aloysius “Pickles” Doolan III from the neighboring town of Lonaconing, Maryland. He had just returned from serving in the Marine Corps. They lived in Maryland for a few years, where Frank worked for the Doolan family’s Old German beer distributorship. Their first two children, Frank IV and Michael, were born there. Then Janie and Frank decided to get away from the snow and moved to Florida. A third child, Sharon, was born in Pensacola in 1961. Frank joined the booming automobile business and the young family moved several times to cities in Florida and Alabama, eventually settling in Tallahassee in 1969. As a couple, Janie and Frank spent time socializing with family and friends and enjoyed dancing and dining out. They spent a great deal of time attending the various sporting events in which their children participated. Always slender and interested in exercise, Janie accepted an offer to teach a fitness class at Lafayette Park Community Center in the early 1980s. She went on to teach “Trimnastics” for the City of Tallahassee for nearly 30 years, with the class becoming a social group as well as an exercise class. For the past two years

Janie had battled Alzheimer's, and at the time of her death, pneumonia. She was preceded in death by her husband Frank. Janie is survived by her children, Francis Aloysius Doolan IV and wife Kirsten, Michael Patrick Doolan and Sharon Doolan Cropp and husband Rich, all of Tallahassee. Her grandchildren are Ashton Cropp, Brendan Doolan, Tory Doolan, Thomas Doolan, Brittany Cropp and John Olsen-Doolan, all of Tallahassee. She is survived by her sisters, Barbara Clark and husband Jim, and Claudia Beeman and husband Don, both of Barton, Maryland, and brothers Michael Burke of Altha, Florida and John Miller and wife Claire of Baltimore, Maryland. A celebration of Janie's life will be held from 6 – 8 p.m. Thursday, June 14, 2012 at Bevis Funeral Home in Tallahassee. At Janie's request she will be cremated and her ashes will be combined with those of her husband Frank at a memorial tree in Lafayette Park. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be sent to Big Bend Hospice. Bevis Funeral Home (850)385-2193, www.bevisfh.com, is in charge of the arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **14.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Bevis Funeral Home & Crematory
200 John Knox Rd
Tallahassee, FL 32303
(850) 385-2193

Tribute Wall

EC

“ I didn't know Beverly, but I've come to know her son, Frank, and he is a living testimony to what a good Mother Beverly must have been. Frank is a wonderful husband to my cousin, Kirsten, and a loving father. I'm so sorry to hear of her passing. It is very difficult and sad to say goodbye to your Mother. Frank was there when my Mother passed, supporting all of us and keeping our spirits up with his engaging sense of humor. I wish there was something I could do or say to help at a time like this, but I know there really isn't. Remember your Mother with the love that you shared when she was here. Although she is gone, she leaves a legacy of love for her family in her path and that has no expiration date. Frank: You and your family are in my thoughts.

Elizabeth Chandler - June 17, 2012 at 08:46 PM

SC

“ Frank, Michael and Sharon, I always felt Aunt Janie was the coolest aunt ever when I was a kid and to this day. It was always exciting at the Clark house when your mom and dad where coming to town for a visit. I will always have special memories of your mom. I have shared some of my memories with my kids as she left a lasting impression on me. We always shared a common bond in our love for the "parks & recreation" field. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Steve Clark, Vandalia, Ohio

Steve Clark - June 17, 2012 at 09:59 AM

TO

“ Frank and Kirsten, so sorry to hear about your Mother's passing. It's great that you lived so close and she could spend time with your family. Never met Mrs. Doolan but I know she had to be a saint to have raised Frank. My thoughts are with all.

Tim Caldwell

Tim Caldwell, Ohio - June 14, 2012 at 01:49 PM

FD

Thank You Tim. Actually you did meet her briefly. It was the night we had the FMP party with the sorority at my parents house. I believe you were sitting in the furniture that the guys moved into the front yard just before she and Dad came home. Coolest parents ever. As they walked by she said" just be sure to put it all back when your done". Then they went to bed. Both you and Caske ask if everything was okay? It could not have been better.

Francis Doolan - June 16, 2012 at 10:08 PM

ML

“ Frank and Kirsten,

I was saddened to hear of Janie's recent death. I know this is a difficult time for you and the entire family. She was a lovely, caring lady and I am so glad that the two of you, and especially John, have been able to enjoy her company and influence over these past several years. I enjoyed meeting her and being with her when the two of you married.

It is never easy to lose a loved one, especially a dear mother and mother-in-law. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you.

Martha Brown Larkin

Martha Brown Larkin - June 14, 2012 at 11:28 AM



Thank You Martha

Francis Doolan - June 16, 2012 at 10:09 PM