



JoAnn Carrin

February 22, 1956 - October 7, 2025

JoAnn Carrin, 69, a lifelong resident of Tallahassee, Florida, passed away peacefully on October 7, 2025, surrounded by love and family. Born in 1956, JoAnn was the daughter of Joseph S. and Martha P. Carrin, who cherished her deeply and nurtured in her a lifelong sense of compassion, curiosity, and commitment to others.

A proud alumna of Florida State University, JoAnn earned her degree in Criminology before beginning her long and distinguished career in public service. She first worked in the Florida court system before joining the administration of Governor Bob Graham, where she worked on the Organized Crime Task Force, driven by a deep commitment to the safety and well-being of the people of Florida. Over the next three decades, she served in a variety of key roles across state government, including in the Office of Professional Practices and later as Director of Communications for the Department of Education, before moving to serve as Communications Director in the Office of the Attorney General. She went on to found and serve as the first director of the Governor's Office of Open Government under Governor Charlie Crist. She later continued her service in the Division of Blind Services, where she helped improve programs that empower Floridians with visual impairments.

Respected for her integrity, professionalism, and dedication to public trust, JoAnn was equally known for her loyalty, wit, and warmth. She loved reading,

Seminole and NFL football, and spending time at the beaches of St. George Island and Alligator Point. She also had a lifelong affection for poodles, especially her beloved Lucy Carrin, who remains a cherished member of the family. Above all, she treasured spending time with her grandchildren.

JoAnn is survived by her mother, Martha P. Carrin; brothers, Michael and Patrick Carrin; sister-in-law and friend, Lisa Carrin; sons, Chris and Gregory Skinner; friend and unofficial daughter, Quinn Townsend; grandchildren, Leah, Olivia, Elliot, and Emmett Skinner; and cousins, Pat Teague (Randy), Jean Cottrell (Ronnie), Stacy Lee (Debbie), and Cathy Lee. She was preceded in death by her father, Joseph S. Carrin.

A memorial service will be held at noon on Saturday, October 18, 2025, at Bevis Funeral Home, 200 John Knox Road, Tallahassee, Florida, followed by a graveside service at MeadowWood Memorial Park, 700 Timberlane Road, Tallahassee, Florida.

JoAnn will be remembered for her grace, loyalty, and lifelong commitment to both family and community — and for a life defined by service, compassion, and integrity.

Kelly Barber & Niki Carney of Bevis Funeral Home (www.bevisfh.com or 850-385-2193) are assisting the Carrin family with their arrangements.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

OCT 18. 12:00 PM (ET)

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

Light refreshment will be served following the service.

Graveside Service

OCT 18. 2:00 PM (ET)

MeadowWood Memorial Park
700 Timberlane Rd.
Tallahassee, FL 32312

Tribute Wall

DL

“ I remember JoAnn Carrin as a teenager when I was an FSU student renting an apartment in her parents house in 1969. When my husband and I got married in December that year, the Carrin family let us hold the reception in their home. JoAnn was a beautiful girl who later worked in many important positions with the state, and made a difference.

Darlene Long - October 17, 2025 at 03:08 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of JoAnn Carrin.



October 16, 2025 at 05:09 PM

SF

“ Steven Harley Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of JoAnn Carrin.



Steven Harley Family - October 16, 2025 at 12:55 PM

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“ Steven Harley Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of JoAnn Carrin.

Steven Harley Family - October 16, 2025 at 12:55 PM

BS

“ I enjoyed working with Joanne. She was very professional in her work, but a very special friend also. I loved seeing her with her puppies. We will miss you JoJo.

Betsy Seidel - October 16, 2025 at 09:01 AM

AW

“ A loyal friend, dedicated family member and smart and talented professional. Also, an unbelievably strong survivor.

Art Wiedinger - October 15, 2025 at 06:42 PM

CO

“ John and I worked for Joanne for over 22 years helping her keep her home clean I will miss her so much she was a good friend she would listen to everything and try to help you with all your problems she was a wonderful woman I know Lucy will miss her dearly also.

Candis and John Obrien - October 15, 2025 at 02:32 PM



“ You're so pretty mama. I love you and I will see you again one day.

Greg Skinner - October 15, 2025 at 10:18 AM

BC

“ I worked with JoAnn in the Commissioner of Education office. She was truly a very good and caring person. I send my sincere condolences to the family. Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal, - Brenda

Brenda S Christie - October 15, 2025 at 10:10 AM



“ *A dear friend and talented co worker.*

kathy Cooleu - October 10, 2025 at 06:26 PM