



Joeann Vesecky

January 6, 1930 - July 12, 2020

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A Celebration of her Life at Seafarer's Chapel will be planned at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Seafarer's Chapel, 1557 Shell Point Road, Crawfordville, FL 32327.

David Conn and Kimberly Crum with Bevis Funeral Home of Crawfordville are assisting the family with arrangements. (850-926-3333, www.bevisfh.com)

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear, Grandma Joeann.

I miss you so much. Thank-you for being our biggest cheerleader. We are all so lucky & grateful to have had you in our lives. You have been a positive inspiration from the start of our life's.

Thank you for always being there for me. Your legacy keeps on growing and our memories with you will last forever.

The one thing we all have in common is our love for you. you're such a perfect example for our family to always be strong and think positive and go for it.

We have always had a special bond that I will cherish forever. I'm going to miss our morning breakfast FaceTime calls. I am so grateful for all of our special conversations. I love you so much!

You will always be our angel. Tell grandpa we love him and miss him.

We love you forever.

Tamara

Tamara Chapman - August 17, 2020 at 09:49 PM

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Shelly Chapman Lillie - July 20, 2020 at 01:24 AM



“ We are all so fortunate that we all grew up with you cheering us along every step of the way. You had a way with making us all feel so loved and encouraged. You always told us to "Go for it" and taught us to love water as we sang "By the Sea".

We would all fight over alone time with you because we knew the uniqueness of being around your contagious spirit, was very rare to find. You spoiled us and made us feel like we were truly amazing. A homemade card, pillow, or picture would make you feel like we just filled your home with gold. You had the true talent but made us all feel so talented, feeling like we could do anything. A simple concern during our teen years could have a quick change in perspective after chatting with you, which helped us grow in positive ways. Your paintings in our home are a reminder of this talent you spread to us all.

I have such fond memories of visiting you and grandpa in Forest Park, IL. Christmas Eve was so special with Grandpa playing the organ while we all sang, playing with your train sets, sitting at the kids' table, playing games, and watching the stars through the telescope. Enjoying time with you and Grandpa, on your boat in Chicago, was always such an adventure. You stayed with us often after grandpa passed which brought us even closer to you.

You introduced us to Shell Point Beach and shared so many amazing times with us there. You taught us how to sail and taught us so much about the sea and your love of nature. We heard so many stories about your adventures cheering on FSU, having your house be the Regatta headquarters, bartending at your Yacht club, and sailing the ocean with your companion Jack. Wakulla Springs and Alligator cruises were always such a cool experience with you that I cherished as a teen. I'm so thankful my own teens were also able to experience this with you and most of all also grow up with you encouraging them every step of the way. You would often tell the boys how proud you were as they entered their college years and you encouraged Jenna that by telling her she had "girl power".

*We also have amazing memories with you at St. George Island,
time in MN at our lake, and time traveling around IL and CA.*

Shelly Chapman Lillie - July 19, 2020 at 11:36 PM



“Of everything you taught me it was your love of adventure, care for others and positive perspective that I will hold on to forever. We all fell in love with the ocean and Florida because of you. Living in the same state as you has been so meaningful. We got to share the fun special times of celebrating your Sailboat Regatta, visiting you at Christmas, camping out by your house, bonfires, enjoying your favorite restaurants, and visiting Florida State with you. We enjoyed spending time on the beach, fishing, golf cart rides, and precious conversations on your porch while we watched dolphins swim. You encouraged us to always travel and you loved hearing all of our adventures in Florida. You loved your years as a Travel Agent. When I entered the travel business working for Disney Cruise Line, you encouraged and inspired me.

Hurricane Michael gave me a good excuse to steal you away for over a week in Orlando. Visiting Disney's Magic Kingdom where your great grandson Jake works, cheering Jenna performing at her football game and seeing Josh inducted into National Honor Society were all so much more impactful with you there. Hearing you sing "It's a small World" and reciting many phrases in the "Hall of Presidents" was magical. Spending time watching you fade away from us was not easy but these moments were just as special as all the "fun" moments since we were able to be there when you needed us like you had been there for us all these precious years.

I'm so thankful to my mom who from early on showed us how special you were by modeling such a close relationship. You could feel the love and time she put into making sure you were always well taken care of.

Seeing you one last time this past May, while social distancing, was so special for Jenna and I. We knew you were well taken care of by Michele and we took comfort in seeing you exactly where you wanted to be by your beautiful sea. I was able to tell you one last time how thankful we all were for your inspiration, positivity, generosity, and love. We will never forget you and how much you

enriched all of our lives.

We all love you and will continue to be inspired by you as we live in Florida surrounded by the beautiful Sea! Your granddaughter Shelly...Bob, Jake, Josh, and Jenna.

Shelly Chapman Lillie - July 19, 2020 at 11:35 PM

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“ *You will never be forgotten and your memories will live on in our house forever! Your gorgeous paintings in several of our rooms of our house are great reminders to live life to the fullest and to stay positive throughout life! Thank you for teaching me so much about life and always being a true role model! You’ve always inspired me! Your example of how you led your life will help guide me in my paths along with how I teach your great grandchildren. I hope you and Grandpa are dancing in Heaven!! Love you Both forever! Your Granddaughter Jill*



Jillene Stansbury - July 15, 2020 at 12:38 AM

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“ *She will continue to be one of the most inspirational people in my life. We are beyond blessed to have had her in our lives for as long as we did. Thank you to all who loved her! She will forever be missed here, but I know there are many people in heaven who have been waiting patiently for her beautiful spirit. May those who knew her and loved her continue to “Go For It”!*



Heather Walker - July 14, 2020 at 04:26 PM

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Sean Chapman - July 14, 2020 at 12:29 PM



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Janis Chapman - July 14, 2020 at 12:58 AM

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So many great memories with my wonderful and amazing grandma. I am going to miss all our special quality time together in our visits to Shell Point. She will be truly missed everyday. Love grandson Sean

sean chapman - July 14, 2020 at 11:55 AM



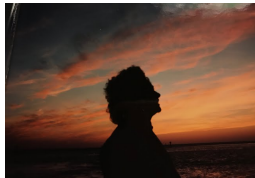
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