



Susan Jean Gaynor

October 19, 1949 - February 20, 2017

Susan Jean Gaynor, 67, of Palm City, Florida, passed away Monday, February 20, 2017 at Oak Hollow in Tallahassee, Florida. Susan was born October 19, 1949 in Pierre, South Dakota to Robert and Dagmar Margrethe (Dragseth) Thayer. She was a 1967 National Honor Society graduate of Riggs High School in Pierre, SD and was a 1971 Cum Laude graduate of Augustana College in Sioux Falls, SD with a degree in Education. She was a resident of Florida since 1971. In 2015, she moved to Tallahassee to be with her grandchildren.

Prior to retirement, she worked at Palm City Elementary School in various positions. During her 23 years there, she formed many wonderful, lasting friendships.

She is survived by her husband of 39 years, Thomas Gaynor; a daughter, Rachel DeLisle (Chris) of Tallahassee, FL; two sons, LCDR Andrew Gaynor of Virginia Beach, VA and Timothy Gaynor (Frank Mcgee) of Houston, TX; two grandchildren, Owen and Emily DeLisle; her brother, Timothy Thayer of Susanville, CA; sister-in-laws Patricia Telesco of Gainesville, FL; Ann Gaynor of Tallahassee, FL; Jeannette Schmid-Gaynor of Laupen, Switzerland; and many wonderful relatives, especially her aunt, Dode Dragseth of Stuart, FL. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Susan was a warm, loving, and unselfish wife, mother and friend whose spontaneous, radiant smile belied her natural shyness. Her joys in life were her family and many friends.

A South Dakota girl at heart, she will be buried alongside her parents in Redfield, South Dakota.

A gathering will be held at the family home in Palm City, FL on Sunday, April 8, 2017. Family and friends are invited to stop by anytime between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. to honor her life, have food and drinks and share fond memories of Susan.

Kelly Barber of Bevis Funeral Home (850-385-2193, www.bevisfh.com) is assisting the Gaynor family with their arrangements.