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Constance Mary (Kline) Klemanowicz lived a life filled with family, friends, and love. Connie passed on June 29, 2022, at age 85 surrounded by her daughter Kathryn Jean O'Hara, son-in-law Thomas John O'Hara, and her two grandchildren, Kathryn Lee, and Thomas John Jr.-- whom she often reminded that their birthdays were the best days of her life. She is predeceased by her husband, Benjamin J. Klemanowicz.

Born and raised in suburban Philadelphia, Connie was destined to live a wonderful life. She enjoyed summers with her family in Dewey Beach making weekend treks in their station wagon filled with fishing poles, hunting dogs, and food. While her father, Charles A. Kline was an avid sportsman, and her mother Kathryn was a loving homemaker, Connie packed her bag with gowns for lifeguard balls and other social events.

At the age of 17 Connie met Benjamin, a first-year student attending Villanova University. They married after Ben's graduation in 1958 and moved to Maryland where Ben served his country in the US Army Counterintelligence Corps, worked for IBM, and attended law school at night. They had their daughter in 1960, eventually raising their family in Garden City, New York

where they established Ben's law firm. Connie and Ben retired to their home in Tequesta, Florida in 2019 and were married for 61 years.

Connie enjoyed and excelled at good conversation. She and Ben were longtime members of Garden City Country Club in New York, and Jupiter Hills and Jonathan's Landing Golf Clubs in Florida, yet she would not call herself an avid golfer. Rather she loved spending her time with the people she met along the way. Connie could talk to anyone, genuinely believing that everyone had a life worth learning about.

Connie was a generous philanthropist supporting many worthy causes including Jupiter Medical Center of Florida, NYU Winthrop Hospital, the Pontifical Institute for Foreign Missions (PIME), St Jude and St Joseph Catholic Churches, the Mary Brennan INN soup kitchen, Virginia Aquarium, Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse and Museum, and Loggerhead Marinelife Center of Florida.

Her passions included travel, art, reading, and learning. Most importantly Connie loved spending time with her family and friends. Her pride and joy were her daughter, son-in-law, grandchildren and her extended family in New York and California. Whether it was planning family celebrations, offering advice on career decisions, or making reservations at a good restaurant, Connie was the best wife, mother, mother-in-law, grandmother, and friend one could ever have or ask for. She was a truly kind and loving woman exemplifying the principles of grace, beauty, and generosity, who valued her family and friends above all else she attained in life. She will be dearly missed by so many.

Connie is survived by her immediate family, a nephew William Wilkinson, his wife Roma, a niece Jeannie (Wilkinson) Scheidel, her husband David, their families, and her brother Charles Jr. A private ceremony will be held at a

future date.

Connie's family would like to express gratitude to the many residents and staff she called friends at Mangrove Bay and to all the doctors, nurses, and staff of the Intensive Care Unit at Jupiter Medical Center for their professional and compassionate care.

On the evening after Connie's passing, a nesting green sea turtle encountered for the first time by researchers was tagged and named 'Connie' in her honor. If desired, memorial contributions in support of sea turtle conservation may be sent to Loggerhead Marinelife Center c/o Research Department, 14200 U.S. HWY 1, Juno Beach, Florida 33408.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Constance M. Klemanowicz*

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October 22, 2023 at 10:17 AM



“ *I am so sad to learn that Connie passed away. I always enjoyed chatting with her when I would see her in Jupiter Hills. She was a gracious lady and she was always smiling. Connie loved her family deeply including Finn, her late granddog. She was so proud of her family and was delighted every time they came to visit. I am so sorry for your loss. May your memories comfort you during this time of grief. With sympathy, June, Mark and Cooper Baxter*



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**June Baxter** - July 10, 2022 at 01:39 PM