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Gloria Burson Petkas passed away at her home on Thursday, January 19, 2023. Gloria was preceded in death by her father Brooks, her mother Mildred, her brother William, and her husband Nicholas. She is survived by her sister Caroline, sons Steven, James and Daniel, daughter Penelope, and grandchildren Jonathan, Brennan, Brooke, Kailee, and Theodore.

Born and raised in Thomaston, Georgia, Gloria's and Nicholas' medical careers took their family to homes in Atlanta, Georgia, Richmond, Virginia, Southern Pines, North Carolina, and West Palm Beach, Florida before their arrival in Jupiter in 1963. Gloria made her home in the Jupiter Inlet Colony for sixty years, and was among its longest-lived residents.

Possessing a limitless combination of compassion and discipline, Gloria's investments in family and the profession of nursing came naturally. To the latter she devoted herself in a career that began as an obstetrics nurse in Atlanta in 1951, and culminated in her role as Emergency Room Coordinator at Martin Memorial Hospital in Stuart, from which she retired in 1989. That

commitment alternated with her loving devotion as a mother, raising four willful children, her surrogate motherhood to numerous other children in the Jupiter Inlet Colony, and subsequent to her retirement, providing “Nana daycare” to a succession of grandchildren.

Gloria’s passions included tennis, piano, opera, and joining with dear friends for bridge, and hand and foot card games. Her enormous heart made room in her home for a number of birds, cats and dogs, many of which came to her as cast-offs from previous owners, each loved and cared for unconditionally.

Friends may call on Tuesday, January 24th, from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM at Taylor & Modeen Funeral Home in Jupiter. Gloria will return to her birthplace in Thomaston, GA. Friends may call on Saturday, January 28th, at Fletcher-Day Funeral Home in Thomaston; burial will follow at Southview Cemetery.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **24**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Taylor & Modeen Funeral Home
250 Center Street
Jupiter, FL 33458
(561) 744-2030
<https://www.taylorandmodeenflorida.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *Gloria Burson Petkas*

October 22, 2023 at 10:17 AM



“ *Maria Galindo lit a candle in memory of Gloria Burson Petkas*



Maria Galindo - January 24, 2023 at 11:27 AM