



LuAnn Wiita

October 21, 1938 - September 25, 2018

Wiita, LuAnn Shank

LuAnn Wiita, of Tequesta passed away peacefully on Tuesday, September 25, 2018 surrounded by her family. She was born in Kokomo, Indiana on October 21, 1938 to Ledger and Hilda Shank. She graduated from Kokomo High School in 1956 and continued to be socially active with many of her girlfriends, traveling for reunions back to Indiana every five years for their gatherings. Leaving Indiana after high school, she attended the University of Miami in Miami, Florida and joined the Tri Delta sorority, which is how she met the love of her life, Buzz, at a fraternity sorority function. Soon after meeting they married in 1958. At age 19 how could she resist Buzz, a novice pilot at the time, who flew her home to Kokomo during a college break. In route they ran into a storm where Buzz asked her if she could look for railroad tracks as a navigational guide. Ever since then they have been navigating through life as a team, recently celebrated 60 wonderful years together. In the early years of their marriage, she worked as an executive manager to support Buzz's medical schooling. During medical school they started a family, giving birth to Brian and Christopher. Following Buzz's graduation, they moved to Travis Air Force Base in California for Buzz's enlistment where they spent five years and added a third boy, Gregory, to their growing family. LuAnn enjoyed being a stay at home parent during this time with her young children. When Greg was just 2 days old the family moved back to the Miami area settling on Key Biscayne so Buzz could complete his residency. While in Miami they added

another son, Bruce, to their growing brood that included several dogs, puppies, rabbits and turtles. In 1973 the family moved to Jupiter where Buzz started his urology practice with his navigational partner, LuAnn, who successfully managed the office while raising four rambunctious boys, and seamlessly running a busy household full of pets and a constant revolving door of her boy's school friends. Her kitchen was always open to whomever came home with the boys offering home cooked meals served with lots of love and fun moments at the Wiita house! She was known for throwing fabulous parties and ensuring all guests felt welcomed and had a great time. She had deep faith in the Lord and prayed daily. LuAnn is survived by her loving husband Buzz, her children Brian, Gregory (Charlene), and Bruce and her grandchildren Dalton, Barrett, Gavin, Channing (Sebastian) Samantha and Nicholas. She was predeceased by her parents, her son Christopher, and her brother Dick Shank. A special thank you to Edie, Mary Beth and Joan for your support. A Visitation will be held at the Taylor Modeen Funeral Home in Jupiter from 4:00 – 6:00 pm on Saturday, September 29, 2018. There will be Prayer Service at 6:00pm conducted by Dave Thomas. In Lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Treasure Coast Hospice or Friends of Jupiter Beach.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **29**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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

Prayer Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *LuAnn Wiita*

October 22, 2023 at 10:17 AM



“ *Linda Gore lit a candle in memory of LuAnn Wiita*



Linda Gore - September 29, 2018 at 11:34 AM



“ *We have shared so many wonderful times over the past 35 years with LuAnn and Buzz especially all of our trips to New York to Paris to Rome. We will treasure those albums full of photos and very happy times together. It is actually hard to put into words how much we are going to miss one of our dearest friends. LuAnn and I always split a bottle of Pinot Grigio at dinner, definitely going to miss that. Our prayers, thoughts and love are with you, Buzz, and your family, Gearl and Linda Gore.*

Linda Gore - September 29, 2018 at 11:33 AM



“ *My fondest memories of Mrs. Wiita are in her kitchen. I was one of those fortunate to be welcomed there and shared many good times. Thinking of all of the Wiita family with love and prayers. Janet Walsh Corbett*



Janet Corbett - September 26, 2018 at 03:02 PM