

JOSHAN BACKUS WISE



Age 80, of Naples, Florida, formally of Columbus, Ohio passed away suddenly on January 29, 2024. Joshan was born March 26, 1943, in Washington, DC to William and Dorothy Backus of Alexandria, VA. She was preceded in death by her parents as well as her only sister, Eleanor Backus Engh. She is survived by her devoted husband of 59 years, Henry Alexander Wise II (aka Sandy); her cherished daughter, Ridgely (Michael) Quigley; and several adoring nieces and nephews. She was a proud "grammie" to Alexander, Jackson, and Grayson Quigley. Following her graduation from St. Agnes in Alexandria, Joshan earned a Bachelor's Degree from Hollins College. Joshan and Sandy lived in several cities after they married but settled in Columbus in 1972 where she raised their family. Since Sandy's retirement, she greatly enjoyed splitting their time in both Naples and Columbus, where she created welcoming homes for both friends and family. She recently set up a home in Pittsburgh near her daughter and grandchildren, and in a short time created special friendships in her community. She was an avid dog lover and her fur babies brought her so much joy over the years. She was a voracious reader, loved being on the tennis court or golf course with friends, enjoyed gardening, as well as playing cards and mahjong. A celebration of life will be planned in both Naples and Columbus this spring/summer. Arrangments by **BEINHAUERS.**

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