

JO ANN MITCHELL WOODSON

March 17, 1941 - August 22, 2024



After a lengthy illness, Jo Ann peacefully transitioned into eternal life on August 22, 2024, she fought a good fight with class and grace. Jo Ann had an affinity for African American art, a unique and forward-thinking sense of style and loved to read. She acquired her love for reading at an early age when she would accompany her mother to the library where she worked... she said,

"Mother would get up in the morning and say it's time to go to work and off we'd go, she would work and I'd explore books and read."

Jo Ann came to Pittsburgh in the 1960's, she had a phenomenally successful career at the University of Pittsburgh as the Director of Resident Life until she retired in the early 2000's.

Jo Ann was preceded in death by her mother and best friend, Geneva Marshall Mitchell. She is survived by her goddaughter, Laurita Jackson (Darryl) of Memphis, TN; godson, William P. "BJ" Battles III; niece, Ashley L. Dillard (Sherrone); close friends and caregivers, Vicki L. Fox (Herman Robinson) and Laura Wilkins all of Pittsburgh; and a host of other relatives and friends.

At Jo Ann's request there will be no services in Pittsburgh, we will be taking her to her final resting place in Byromville, Georgia to be with her mother. houseoflawinc.com.

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