

JOAN THERESE WHEATLEY

Age 72, long-time resident of Moon Township, passed away on January 27, after a long illness that she took on with grace and courage. Joan was devoted to family, which included unrelenting dedication to the care of her mother, Marge for many years. She was an advocate for and protector of those less fortunate, a promoter of fairness and justice in the world and a force for care and dedication to pets and wildlife.

Always creative, with a keen eye for color and beauty, Joan was as adept at arranging a beautiful display of flowers as she was at planning an event such as her sister's backyard wedding or a professional gathering.

A graduate of Moon High School, class of 1970, Joan then earned a degree in Library Science from Edinboro College.

Her creative flair led her to a career as an Events Coordinator at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center in Pittsburgh and then in Miami and Fort Lauderdale, FL. Later, she spent 20 years with Allegheny County, as communications manager for the Kane Hospitals. Earlier, Joan was a top aide to Mayor Pete Flaherty during his run for PA governor in 1978.

Joan was predeceased by her father, Thomas B. Wheatley; mother, Marguerite; and sister, Susan. She is survived by her brother, Tom; sisters, Maureen (Mark Cosgrove) and Janet; nephew, Tom (Paige); nieces, Katie and Caroline (Santana Diaz); great-nephew, Sequoia; and great-nieces Cassidy, Leia and Alani; and many cousins; along with Kiwi, her beloved Amazon parrot.

Always curious, Joan loved reading, movies, painting and travel, especially to Ireland and Key West, FL, two of her favorite places.

Joan had boundless gratitude for her tireless caregivers, especially friends, Jeanetta, Natalie and Cindy, family and the staff of Amedisys Hospice, who became her friends.

Joan, along with her wicked sense of humor, kind heart and thoughtfulness will be deeply missed by all.

Services entrusted to **R. D. COPELAND, LTD., CORAOPOLIS, PA.** (www.copelandfuneralhomes.com). Memorial services will be announced at a later date, please refer to the funeral home website for updates. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Pearl Parrot Rescue www.pearlparrots.com, P.O. Box 101834, Pittsburgh, PA 15237.

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