



Mary Jane Cooper

August 8, 1946 - May 20, 2019

Mary Jane “Janie” Cooper Hartman Parsons passed away May 20, 2019 after battling Alzheimer’s. Jane was born August 8, 1946 in Cedar Rapids, IA and was the second of three children born to Wayne and Kathryn Cooper. She graduated from Cedar Rapids Washington High School in 1964 and was a graduate of the 1968 class of Grinnell College. She was a member of the synchronized swimming team and served on the board of Associated Women Students.

Jane worked for many years as a computer programmer in Iowa, Minnesota and Massachusetts before moving to Florida. Once settled in Florida, she found success as an executive assistant and director of marketing for a local General Contractor, where she worked for more than 15 years. She was also elected to the Sarasota County School Board, District 5 seat, serving from 1990 to 1994 after defeating the incumbent and Chairman of the Board.

Jane had many hobbies, including tennis, boating, reading and writing. She especially enjoyed writing letters to the editor, a majority of which made it to print. She was a very motivated, patient, strong caring, funny and outgoing woman and a dedicated mom to her kids.

Jane is preceded in death by her parents Wayne and Kathryn Cooper as well as her brother, John Ross Cooper.

She is survived by her son John Hartman of Venice, FL; her daughter Jenny Hiler (Jeff) with grandchildren Owen and Emma of North Port, FL; her sister Sue Cooper of Eugene, OR; her niece Carolyn McCall and nephew John Paul

Cooper, both of TX; and her beloved dog Gabby.

We are thankful for Royal Palm; specifically, Chavely and for Tidewell Hospice for their compassionate care. We are comforted knowing that Jane knows who Jane is again

A gathering of family and friends will be held in her honor Sunday, July 14, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. at the Olde World Restaurant in North Port, FL. In lieu of flowers or gifts, a donation made to the Area Agency on Aging of Southwest Florida would be greatly appreciated.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Jane Cooper*

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“ *Mary Jane Cooper*

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“ *We are glad to have known Jane and Jenny from way back, as they say! Girl Scouts and the many events our girls participated in together make for sweet memories. We were even cave dwellers! We are so happy Jane is released from her earthly burden and happy and whole again. Chris Reichert family*

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