



## Jacqueline Cleere McDaniel

August 8, 1940 - October 9, 2020

Jacqueline Cleere McDaniel, age 80, of Fern Park, Florida passed away peacefully at her home on October 9, 2020, surrounded by her loving family. Jackie was born in Fairfield, Alabama on August 8, 1940, to the late Jack Cleere and Gladys (Brasfield) Cleere.

She was preceded in death by her brother William “Bill” Cleere and her longtime partner Bernard “Ben” Spahitz.

Jackie graduated from Fairfield High School in 1958. In her teens and early twenties, she was an avid roller-skater and won several local awards. Jackie was a devoted homemaker and beloved mother to her two boys. We could almost always find her working on a project as she enjoyed arts, crafts, cooking, baking and cake decorating. She also liked to sew and made several quilts in her lifetime. In her later years, Jackie and Ben liked to travel and try new recipes at home.

Jackie is survived by her son’s James Ray (Jennifer) McDaniel, John Stephen McDaniel and granddaughter Jessica Rose.

Services are pending at this time.

The family of Jacqueline Cleere McDaniel invites you to leave a message of

condolence on the Tribute Wall created in her memory.

# Tribute Wall



“ Jackie worked for me for almost two years via a senior employment program. I enjoyed having her at the office. We commiserated together after all of the hurricanes in 2004. I remember when she learned she was going to be a grandmother. She could not have been more thrilled. We stayed in touch after I moved away through Christmas cards. I’m very sorry for her family’s loss.

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**Leslie Denise** - November 20, 2020 at 07:11 AM

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“ South meets North: Jackie and Ben came to visit me in NYC. For the 4th of July, we took our day trip in Manhattan. Ben knew all the little gems of restaurants...we walked around and saw South Street Seaport, Macy’s of 34th st, and worked our way to the FDR Drive. The roadway was closed for viewing the Macy’s fireworks display. People were stationed all over—on lawn chairs, with coolers...general partying mode. The streets were a stream of wall to wall people. Two police officers were attempting crowd control at an entrance that was packed. Some miniature beat cop had his hand out, screaming « stop! »...only to be ignored. We continued onto the ramp and were deadlocked there. Finally, we found a way to mount the guard rail and climb over it and join the crowd. I put headphones on Jackie and Ben to listen to the music simulcast while we watched the spectacular 45 minute show. The exodus after the « event » was a major traffic jam, so we hung out at another little gem restaurant and had drinks while the crowd dissipated. In a beautiful Southern accent, Jackie commented « I have never in my life seen anything like this! ». Welcome to New York, Jackie! Welcome.

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**ann mackey** - October 15, 2020 at 06:49 PM

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“ Jackie and I always enjoyed long conversations about politics, education, social issues and laughing at the lunatics in each of these domains!

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**ann mackey** - October 15, 2020 at 06:31 PM