



Joy Schwarz

November 7, 1939 - August 7, 2023

Mrs. Joy Schwarz, ne Harrison, died peacefully on August 7, 2023, in Orlando, FL at the age of 83.

Joy is survived by her husband, William Schwarz, of Orlando, Florida, her daughter Beth Joret (husband Bob Joret), son John Schwarz (wife Mary Ellen Schwarz), and daughter Amy Wrenn (husband Chris Wrenn), grandchildren Katie Viteritto (husband Josh Viteritto), Bobby Joret (wife Karissa Holton), Billy Joret, Emily Bommelje, Ethan Wrenn, Daniel Wrenn, Noah Wrenn, Jonathan Schwarz, Matthew Schwarz, and Lindsay Schwarz, and seven great grandchildren.

Joy was born on October 7, 1939, in Savannah, Ga to John Harrison and Alama Mason Harrison. She graduated from Savannah High School in 1957. She married her high school sweetheart, Billy, on June 14, 1959, and moved to Auburn, AL, where he attended Auburn University. After graduating, they moved to Melbourne, FL where he began working as an electrical engineer at Harris Corporation and she began her career as a wife and mother. Shortly after, the family moved to Winter Park, FL. Joy used her talents as a pianist to teach children to play piano for years in the Winter Park Pines community. Joy was very involved in her churches, St. Margaret Mary and Sts. Peter and Paul, as a music minister where she directed music for the liturgy. She also led the youth group and taught music at the preschool program at Sts. Peter

and Paul.

A funeral Mass is scheduled for Friday, August 11, 2023, at 2pm at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church 5300 Old Howell Branch Road, Winter Park, FL 32792, with a reception to follow at 8622 Aspen Ave, Orlando, FL 32817. All are welcome to attend and celebrate Joy's life. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Breast Cancer Foundation.

Tribute Wall

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“ Joy was my best friend and neighbor on 40th Street in Savannah and that is how she met my cousin Billy Schwarz. Always beautiful and sweet. We went to ballet classes at Ebba Thompson’s and Joy was so much better than I. And she could play the piano better than I as well. I went to their wedding and was awed by her beauty in the dress that her mother Alma made. Alma also made a nice Easter suit for me while we were living on 40th Street. She was a talented woman as well,. Joy and Billy came to my wedding in November 1961 and she was pregnant with Beth. We have stayed in touch all of these years and last spoke to her while she was in the hospital when I was trying to get in touch with Billy to wish him Happy Birthday. I will miss my dear sweet oldest Savannah friend and cousin-in-law. Nancy Harris Gayhardt, Annapolis, MD

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“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Joy Schwartz.

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