



Emilie Ruth Puckett

November 10, 2021

Emilie Puckett peacefully passed with her husband, Jim, by her side, on November 10, 2021. She has joined her loving parents in heaven.

Emilie was born to May Ruth Winters and Donald Andres Winters in Portsmouth, VA. The family moved to Miami, FL in 1946 and eventually settled in Gainesville, FL.

She lived a full and joyous 79 years. She leaves behind her husband Jim Puckett, sister, Kris Shaak (Graig); nieces, Tracy LaRosa (Rich) and Kerry Diaz (Mike); stepson, Clark Puckett (Susan); sister-in-law Margie Rose (Eddie). Emilie was a devoted and loving wife, daughter, sister, aunt, great-aunt, and stepmother.

She graduated from the University of Florida with a master's degree in Art Education. She spent the next 44 years educating elementary children. 5th graders at Steven Foster Elementary School and as the Art teacher at Alachua Elementary.

Emilie lived life to the fullest. She had an intense appreciation for nature and all animals, especially dogs. Her devoted companion, Bucky, is already missing the loving attention of his Mama (she spoiled him).

Emilie and Jim shared a very sweet and special love. They also shared their devotion and appreciation of family and friends and included them in their special gatherings. Emilie loved to entertain and was a great hostess. She always dressed in style, loved to dance, laugh, and have a good time. Emilie was always sweet, friendly, and kind. Her family and countless friends will miss her great spirit.

A small family gathering is being planned at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to our local Humane Society/Pet Rescue <http://www.humanesocietyncfl.org> in Emilie's name.

Comments



“ I was so sad to hear of Emilie’s passing. I have so many wonderful memories of dinner parties and Yacht Club events. She had an engaging smile and was always kind and generous and a great friend. My sincere condolences to Jim and to Kris and Graig and all the family. Her presence will always be missed. Love to all, Paula Moyer Jones.

Paula Moyer Jones - November 18, 2021 at 07:39 PM



“ So sorry to hear this Jim. Such a sweet soul.

Joe Conoly - November 17, 2021 at 02:31 PM



“ Dear Jim and Family,

I am heart broken to learn of Emilie's passing. She was a true gem and I will always cherish our friendship. Beautiful lady inside and out. My thoughts and prayers are with you as you go through this difficult time.

Julie Conoly Herman

Julie Herman - November 17, 2021 at 02:20 PM



“ My first classroom aide position was with Emilie at Stephen Foster in 1974. Wonderful experience. She was also my daughter Dana Voorheis 5th grade teacher. My condolences to Jim and the family. Be blessed Judy Voorheis Neal

Judy Neal - November 17, 2021 at 10:03 AM



“ I remember Emilie very fondly she was an excellent teacher and a strong advocate for students and teachers in Alachua County she leaves a legacy of an untold number of students she both taught and nurtured during her career

John Hotaling - November 17, 2021 at 08:24 AM



“ Mrs.Puckett was such a light. I had the pleasure of knowing her as my 5th grade art teacher and she was one of the first people to recognize my talents as a artist. Mrs. Puckett inspired me to continue to pursue my dreams and taught me art is such much more than a talent. She entered me in 2 youth art contests which I placed in and it was so rewarding. Every time I would step into the art room she always would welcome me in and hug me with a smile. After all these years, I’m 25 and I still have the awards she presented me and the art work that we done in her class. Thank you for being such a positive person and blessing in my life! You will truly be missed.



Erica Bakke - November 16, 2021 at 11:06 PM