



Joan Pairada

July 7, 1941 - September 5, 2024

Joan Pairada passed away peacefully on September 5, 2024, at the age of 83 in Parkland, FL. Born on July 7, 1941, in Miami, FL, Joan dedicated her life to education and community service, touching many lives with her compassion and resilience.

Joan graduated from Miami Senior High School in 1959 and furthered her education at the University of Miami, followed by a Master's Degree in Education from Barry University. She spent 30 years teaching in the Dade County School System, where she was revered for her ability to connect with and transform the lives of at-risk students. Joan's exceptional commitment to teaching was recognized multiple times with the Teacher of the Year award. Even after retiring in 1993 to care for her ailing parents, her legacy in education continued to resonate through the countless students she influenced.

Beyond her professional life, Joan was known for her love of reading, shopping, and meticulous gift wrapping. She had a keen interest in makeup and took great pride in her appearance. Joan's warmth extended into her personal life, where she was a beloved family member and friend.

Joan was predeceased by her parents, Sonia and John Pairada. She is survived by her cousin and caretaker, Sharon Stowe Smith, cousins Susan

Stowe, Steve Surowiecki, and Larry Surowiecki, all of Florida, and her second cousins, Sebastian Smith of Tokyo, Japan and Michelle Johnson of Omaha, Nebraska.

A Celebration of Life will be held on September 15, 2024, at 3 PM at the home of her cousin, Sharon, located at 4917 NW 119 Terrace, Coral Springs. The Wilcox Family Funeral Home in Miramar, FL, is assisting the family during this time.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Joan's memory can be made to The Salvation Army, honoring her spirit of giving and community support. Joan's life was a testament to the power of education and the enduring impact of caring for others. Her legacy will live on in the hearts of those she touched.

The family would like to thank the staff at Allegro of Parkland for their committed care and love shown for Joan for the past three years. She loved her home there and always felt like she was among family.

Tribute Wall

JA

“ For years, I tried to locate Joan. My aunt, Trudy Mattos and I were close friends to Sonia and Joan while Joan and I grew up together in Miami. I am so sorry that I could not find her until now via her obituary. I loved her dearly.... Joan (Kromer) Akers..

Joan Akers - January 05 at 06:57 PM

JA

“ I met Joan in 1993 when we became neighbors. Joan and her mom came over, they were the welcome wagon! We shared many, many visits, conversations, holidays together. I would get home from work and she would be watering her yard, plants and we just stand there and talk 30 minutes at a time. She was thoughtful, sweet, a special lady and a dear friend. I am blessed for the special friendship we shared. Until we meet again, my friend. Rest in peace. ❤️



Juani Amago - September 15, 2024 at 12:11 AM

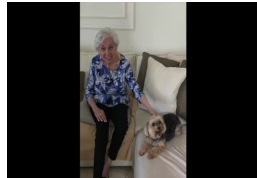


“ Sharon and family I met Joan about fifty years ago. She an elementary teacher for special ed students and I a math teacher in a middle school. We met in a restaurant where her mother worked we shared time together for a few years she was loving and caring I miss her and pray for her. God bless Joan. Love John Miranda

John Miranda - September 14, 2024 at 01:11 PM



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“ *Joan was my beloved first cousin that I became closer to when she moved to Coral Springs from Miami. I would visit her and we would go out to lunch frequently. Joan was known to be so articulate and a perfectionist when it came to everything writing! I treasured receiving her gold embossed Christmas cards. Joan was the kindest and most thoughtful human I knew and she never complained about her ill failing health when I knew she was in much pain. She loved it when I brought her favorite tangerines and other goodies she loved to snack on. I will forever remember her kindness and beautiful smile. Joan was a loving woman inside and out. I will forever cherish our time together but I know I will see her in heaven. ❤️ Goodbye for now Joan. You will be missed 🙏❤️ Your loving cousin, Susan*

Susan Stowe - September 13, 2024 at 04:47 PM

RJ

“ *Sharon; I appreciate that you invited me to join you in visits and dinners with Joan. She was a lovely woman, and she received much attention and love from you. God rest her soul. Dick Jagolta*

Richard W. Jagolta - September 11, 2024 at 12:30 PM

LE

“ *Dear Sharon and family*
With a saddened heart, I send our deepest condolences to you on Joan's passing.
Such a sweet and kind lady who was loved by all who knew her.
Sharon, Joan truly loved you and was always so grateful for all you did for her! You and Joan had a special bond
Those fond memories will certainly be a part of her legacy.
Love Lynn and Brad

Lynn Eisenstein - September 11, 2024 at 12:19 PM

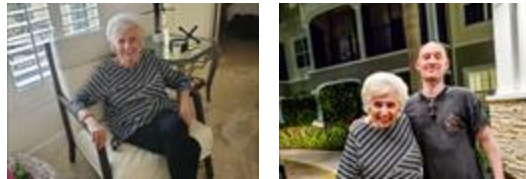
SA

“ Dear Sharon, When I was a young man this beautiful young woman entered and the whole room lit up. It was Joan. I was fortunate she gave me her phone number and when dating we both enjoyed being with each other. I knew her aims were achieving her higher education dreams and I admired it for that. As a 87 year old man I still vividly remember her as the classiest girl I ever dated.

Sonny Alansky - September 11, 2024 at 11:19 AM



“ Always enjoyed the conversations I had with Joan. As an educator myself, I am forever grateful from the insight she shared about her experiences of a lifelong commitment to education. It's had a tremendous impact on my approach to teaching and connecting with my students.



Sebastian Smith - September 10, 2024 at 08:29 PM

CM

Dear Sharon & Susan, I feel very blessed to have met & spent time with your beautiful cousin Joan. She was so very sweet, always smiling , well dressed & always grateful for our visits . I will miss the special moments we shared.
She's in her forever home with Jesus & at peace & free from pain now!
My love & prayers 🙏❤️

Connie Mancini - September 13, 2024 at 11:54 AM

MW

“ Dearest Sharon and the whole family,
I will always remember Joan as a fun loving soul! Always happy and smiling. Please know you are in our hearts and prayers. Sending tons of love, and even more hugs, Melanie and Kenny



Melanie Webster - September 10, 2024 at 01:10 PM



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