



Jo Anne Matavuli-Giles

March 12, 1938 - November 9, 2022

Jo Anne Matavuli-Giles, 84, of Bloomington, passed away peacefully on November 9, 2022 at IU Hospice House, surrounded by her families love during her final hours.

She was born on March 12, 1938 in Bonny Blue, Virginia to Faye and Jack Mountain. She had three children, Rene Matavuli-Riley(Patrick Riley), Charmaine Matavuli(Jay Jackson), and Marco Matavuli(Stacey Matavuli), with her late husband Nick Matavuli.

She was then married to Russ Giles for 31 years. She was a grandmother of five- Nicole Riley(Emily McCord), Mason Riley(Lisa Becerra-Riley), Emma Matavuli(Lindsay McGuire), Alayna Matavuli, and Lillie Matavuli. She was a great grandmother of two- Roman and Cohen Riley. She was preceded in death by her mother and father Faye Mountain and Jack Mountain, Aunt June Bays, and husband Nick Matavuli.

Jo Anne lived her life fully and simply. She was a strong and selfless woman. She had an array of hobbies. She enjoyed ballroom dancing, cooking at her restaurant Lake Street Carryout, fishing, music, camping, and bonfires. She loved all animals, especially her dogs and parrot. She had a green thumb and could often be found sitting on her porch under her Magnolia tree. She was happiest in the presence of her friends and family.

She worked at the Bloomington Hospital for many years, where she retired as Surgery Coordinator. After retiring, she worked as a caregiver for Home Instead and volunteered at the Bloomington Animal Shelter.

Jo Anne could comfort and heal with just her words or thoughts. She was deeply connected to nature and taught what had been passed down. Anyone in her presence took to her wisdom and carried that magic with them.

Jo Anne's family would like to thank the entire team at Bloomington IU Health Hospice and Allen Funeral Home Director Amanda Hawkins, for their loving and compassionate care. A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, November 19th from 2-4:00 at the Stonebelt Shrine Club, 7065 N Thompson Ridge Road in Bloomington. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Bloomington Animal Shelter/Pets Alive, and IU Health Hospice.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

NOV **19**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Stonebelt Shrine Club
7065 North Thompson Road
Bloomington, IN

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Wonderful Matavuli Family,

Catching up on my newspaper reading today, I came upon your Mother's obituary...couldn't believe I missed seeing you all just yesterday! I still cherish the sweet memories of Jo Anne and your "Papa Nick" during their visits to my restaurant, "Leslie"s". Rene, Charmaine, Marco...you lit up their faces every time they spoke of you. God Bless, Jo Anne. Such good people...all of you...you'll never know how much you touched my life. Thank you for being such lovely family!

Lots of Love, Leslie

Leslie Ann Sweet - November 20, 2022 at 04:20 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jo Anne Matavuli-Giles.



November 19, 2022 at 08:55 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Jo Anne Matavuli-Giles.



November 18, 2022 at 01:33 PM

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“ *Scott Prough purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Jo Anne Matavuli-Giles.*



Scott Prough - November 17, 2022 at 02:16 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jo Anne Matavuli-Giles.*



November 12, 2022 at 02:52 PM

KJ

“ *I worked with Jo Anne at the hospital for several years. She always added fun to any workday with her personality plus! Karen*

Karen Jessee - November 12, 2022 at 12:05 PM

NM

“ *What a wonderful and kind woman to all....loved her laugh 😊*

Nona Melton - November 12, 2022 at 11:42 AM