



Joan Marion Pickens

December 17, 1941 - November 25, 2018

Joan Marion Pickens, 76, died November 25, 2018 at Greer Memorial Hospital.

Born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, she was the daughter of the late Jesse Merle Cummings and Virginia Hanford Clare Cummings. Ms. Pickens was previously employed by Piedmont Industries as a computer programmer. She then went to work for Lockheed before incorporating Intelli-Tech Services, Inc. in 1998 of which she was President and CEO for 10 years. After that she preferred to stay closer to home and tried a couple other ventures such as real estate (lousy at this) and was temporary church administrator of St. Francis Episcopal until it closed its doors.

Ms. Pickens was the first female president of the Mohawk Valley Chapter of the National Association of Accountants in Utica, NY, taught Sunday School at Good Shepherd Church, Greer, and also St. Francis Church of Greenville. She served two years as PTA President of Greer Middle School and one year as PTA President of Greer High.

She is preceded in death by her husband, John O. Pickens. Surviving are seven children, Michael John Donovan of Summerville, SC, Joan Clare Kryston of Green Cove Springs, Florida, Mark Robert Donovan of Fort Mill, SC, Matthew Charles Donovan of Greenville, SC, Jeremy Owens Pickens of Buford, Ga, Jessica Marie Pickens of Taylors, SC and January Anne Adams of Greer, SC; one sister, Janet Cummings Good of Chester, CT; 15 grandchildren; 1 grandson on the way; 5 great-grandchildren; 2 nephews and

several cousins.

Starting in the spring of 2013, Ms. Pickens discovered the joy of geocaching and for the last few years has traveled the south and east coasts searching for caches and trails and collecting geocoins coercing any and all friends and family into accompanying her on these quests. New goals and places to go every month!

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the March of Dimes Foundation, Donation Processing Center, P.O. Box 673667, Marietta, Georgia 30006, the Salvation Army, P.O. Box 1237, Greenville, SC 29602 or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, Tennessee 38105.

Online condolences may be made at www.thewoodmortuary.com.

Tribute Wall

RS

“ My condolences to the family - I knew Jeremy and Jessica, and I remember when January was born. It's been a while since I last saw Joan, but I still remember her huge, warm smile. In fact, I don't ever remember seeing her sad. Her energy was bountiful, and I know there is a large space now to fill. I hope God wraps you in his comfort during this difficult time.

BIG hugs to you all- especially to Jeremy and Jessica - who I haven't seen for way too long.

Rebecca Huether Shepherd - November 30, 2018 at 04:08 PM

BV

“ Joan (I think we called her Joanie then???) was a classmate in Barrington, RI, and I remember her quiet presence, her smile and have enjoyed keeping in touch through Facebook. Her love for adventure was only topped by her love for her family. I offer my condolences as you grieve, praying for peace and comfort as you share your best memories, and grow stronger each day in the realization that she lives on in you

Barbara "Dixie" VanAusdall

Barbara "Dixie" VanAusdall - November 28, 2018 at 12:00 PM

JH

“ My wife and I, Jeff and Judy (Berlin) Howe were classmates of Joan in Barrington. Judy and Joan became good friends. They both were young moms and shared those experiences together. It is so nice to see she had raised a wonderful family which grew over the years. We know she will be greatly missed.

Jeffrey and Judy Howe - November 27, 2018 at 05:40 PM

BE

“*Joan was a beautiful woman...inside and out. I've known her since my teens and was so glad I was able to talk with her in person a couple years ago. I've always felt I was a part of her family and distance didn't matter. That will continue with those of us who are left...as will her memory. I love you Joan. Thank you. Rest in peace.*

Bill Ellenwood - November 27, 2018 at 09:47 AM