



# Joyce I. Knapp

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**J**oyce Knapp, 84, of Mount Dora, Florida, formerly of the Washington, D.C. area, passed away peacefully on January 23, 2026 in the company of her loving daughters.

Born in Coaldale, Pennsylvania, Joyce was the daughter of Richard and Florence Kitt. She was the cherished sister of Richard Kitt, William Kitt, and Florence (Kitt) Prehoda.

After graduating high school, Joyce embarked on an adventure to Washington, D.C., joining her siblings and beginning a new chapter of her life. It was there she met her husband, Gene Knapp. Joyce is survived by her devoted daughters, Dawn Gibson and Debra Miller; son-in-law Michael Gibson; adored grandchildren Riley Miller and Grey Gibson; and her cherished companion Cuddles, who brought endless joy to her days as well as her sister, Florence. Joyce is preceded in passing by her parents, and her two brothers, Richard and William.

Throughout her life, Joyce exemplified determination and resilience. While raising her children, she pursued higher education, earning her bachelor's degree from the University of Maryland. Her career in the technology field showcased her sharp intellect and pioneering spirit during an era when women were underrepresented in the field.

In 2007, Joyce retired and relocated to Florida to embrace the sunshine and pursue her passions. She was an avid bridge player who took great pride in earning master points, a beginner golfer, and an enthusiastic traveler with a particular fondness for visiting lighthouses around the world.

A devoted friend, Joyce was always ready to offer support and be there for those she cared about, bringing her characteristic strength and loyalty to every relationship. Those who knew her were consistently impressed by her remarkable intellect, extensive knowledge of investing and the stock market, and her endlessly curious nature. Strong-willed, fiercely independent, and remarkably intelligent, Joyce lived life on her own terms. Her family and friends will forever treasure her memory.



## Obituary

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A celebration of life will take place on Saturday February 28, 2026 at 11:00am at the Waterman Village Chapel.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in Joyce's memory to Tunnel to Towers Foundation or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, charities that were dear to her heart.




# Events


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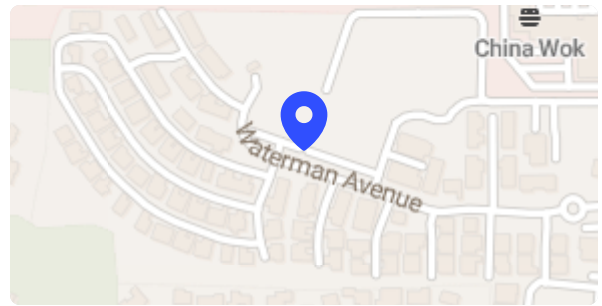
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## Celebration of Life

 **Saturday**, February 28, 2026

 11:00 AM ET

 **Chapel at Waterman Village**  
445 Waterman Avenue,, Mt Dora FL 32757





## Tribute Wall

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**Tracy P.** planted a grove of 5 Memorial Trees in honor of Joyce.



February 26 at 9:31 PM



**David Lotz** posted:

Joyce was a colleague of mine and a dear friend from the time I moved to Maryland in 1984 to work at Vitro Corporation where we met. She was very generous and welcoming--often arranging for lobsters to be flown down from Maine and sharing her Bordeaux wines at gatherings at her home to our collective delight. Professionally speaking, Joyce was steadfast and resolute as our database administrator and played a pivotal role in the company's information technology upgrade. In between work, we traveled to Puerto Rico for our friend Chuck's wedding, and when I left to return to Seattle, she came to mine. Over the years we would get together whenever I returned East to visit my family and play bridge--even if it was two-handed. I'll miss those visits and calls but know she will always be bidding up a storm in Grand Slam style. David Lotz

February 24 at 12:34 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White to the Knapp family.



February 22 at 2:43 PM



**Beth Rieser** posted:

Dawn, Deb and the rest of the family. I'm so very sorry to hear of your mom's passing. I'm heartbroken for your loss and what you are having to go through right now and the days, weeks ahead. Your mom is an amazing, beautiful, smart, caring and passionate lady! She raised incredible women and I hope you will feel surrounded by love. Your mom's spirit will forever shine through you. Here for you during this time and always. Warm regards, Beth and Kevin (California friends)

January 29 at 7:47 PM



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**Ann Gallagher** posted:

Dearest Dawn and Deb, Your mother remains a cornerstone of my childhood. Her strengths will be a source of fond memories for me and my family. I wish you the comfort of her memory and am sorry for your loss. Ann (Gallagher)

January 29 at 1:42 PM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Joyce by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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