



## JoAnn Lipinsky Edwinn

January 5, 2022

JoAnn Lipinsky Edwinn passed away peacefully at Fleshers Fairview Healthcare Center on January 5, 2022. She was born in Charlotte on July 10, 1926, to Louis Lipinsky and Clara Nathan Lipinsky. Soon after, the family moved to Asheville, and she attended St. Genevieve's and Lee Edwards High School. She dreamed about becoming an opera singer in New York City. This dream came true with a bonus: she found another opera singer to share the next 58 years with, Frank Edwinn.

They moved to Asheville, and built their home in 1955, retiring from the touring lifestyle. They became interested in orchids and added a greenhouse. They loved many dogs and cats over the years. They were involved in Asheville Community Theatre productions, she mainly behind the scenes with props and costumes. She committed many years to volunteering with Mission Hospital (mostly in the Fullerton Waiting Room), Hospice, and the Irene Wortham Center. Her friendly and kind spirit, and compassion for all will be remembered and missed.

She was preceded in death by her husband E. Frank Edwinn, her brother and sister-in-law Edward S. and Sherry Lipinsky, and her brother and sister-in-law Louis H. and Mary Lipinsky. She is survived by three nieces and two nephews.

A graveside service will be held at 11:00 am on Sunday, January 23, 2022 at

Riverside Cemetery.

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

JAN 23. 11:00 AM (ET)

Riverside Cemetery  
53 Birch Street  
Asheville, NC 28801

# Tribute Wall



“ *JoAnn Lipinsky Edwinn*

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October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *So sorry to hear about JoAnn's passing. She and Frank were a major part of my enjoyable and creative times on stage at Asheville Community Theatre. They were so dedicated to the success of the Theatre providing so much enthusiasm and respective talents - Frank as the Music Director, and JoAnn as the "props lady". I was so fortunate to have known them both and will always remember the great times we had working together on so many productions over the years beginning in 1973. They were such special people who gave back to the community in numerous ways. They made such a positive, immeasurable impact on our local culture!*

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**Richard Hurley** - January 18, 2022 at 03:14 PM



“ *JoAnn was a lovely person, kind and gracious, and a wonderful and always supportive partner for Frank. She was a stalwart behind-the-scenes person for Asheville Community Theatre. She will be remembered warmly by all who knew her.*  
*Arnold Wengrow*

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**Arnold Wengrow** - January 16, 2022 at 12:44 PM

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“ *I had Mrs. Edwinn's husband for Music at UNC-A in the late 1960s. That was one of my most favorite courses. Mr. Edwinn was always upbeat and made the course very fun and challenging. He and Mrs. Edwinn made quite a pair! Now they are together forever. To Mrs. Edwinn's family and friends my deepest sympathy. Gerry Huntley. UNC-A Class of 1968. gerryh1947@yahoo.com. 828-318-4013*

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**Gerry Huntley** - January 16, 2022 at 06:11 AM