



Mary Ann Cook

December 29, 1946 - October 15, 2025

Mary Anne Cook passed away peacefully on October 15, 2025.

She was born on December 29, 1946, in Altoona, PA, to James McCormick and Mary Ruth (Parrish) McCormick. She spent most of her childhood growing up in Muncie, IN. The family moved to Asheville, NC, when she was in her teens. She graduated from St. Genevieve of the Pines in 1964. She then attended Indiana University and graduated Magna Cum Laude with her major in Archeology. She then transferred to the University of Kansas to further her Archeological studies graduating with a Master's degree. She spent a year in American Samoa as part of her Archeology work and that is when she fell in love with the Polynesian Islands, specifically Tahiti. There she met her husband and owner of the tour company "Islands In The Sun", Ted Cook. They married in 1974 and settled in Costa Mesa, CA. They resided there until Ted's passing in the early 1990's. Mary Anne continued to passionately manage and run Islands In The Sun until she chose to move back to Asheville in 2000, where she lived until her passing.

Mary Anne loved to travel and did so extensively. She also was an avid reader. Most importantly, to our family, Mary Anne was our family historian. She could take any family lineage and tell us how and who we were all connected to.

She is preceded in death by her parents. She is survived by her brother, Jim McCormick of Asheville and sister, Ruth McCormick of Seminole, FL., a nephew, Nathaniel Stephany who resides in Germany, and a niece, Sherye (Stephany) Riggleman of Seminole, FL., also two great-nieces, Lily Riggleman and Kinslye Riggleman of Seminole, FL.

She will be interred at Calvary Catholic Cemetery in Clearwater, FL, next to her mother. Per her wishes there will be no funeral.

We wish to thank Morris Funeral Home in Asheville for all their help and support.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Catholic Cemetery

Clearwater, FL