



## Joan Marie TRUE

October 29, 1946 - July 24, 2016

### Obituary of Joan True

Joan Marie O'Donnell True completed a difficult journey with grace and courage on July 24, 2016 while visiting in Florida. Joan was born October 29, 1946 to John F. and Lydia Cooper O'Donnell of Cambridge, MA and moved to Westmere with them as a child. She was a 1964 graduate of Guilderland Central High School. Joan was employed in administrative services at Albany and the Guilderland Central School District. A skilled needle worker, she was co-owner of Jo-Nan Yarns, Ltd. and also worked at The Spinning Room in Altamont.

She is survived by her loving husband of 40 years, Joel M. True, and her four children: Jane M. True of New York City, Jill M. True of Schenectady, Jordan M. True of Altamont and James M. True of Florida. She is also survived by her siblings Jane O'Donnell, Jeanne Shelhamer and John O'Donnell, all of Florida, and several nieces and nephews. She was pre-deceased by her parents, her brother James O'Donnell and her son Justin M. True.

Plans for a memorial service will be announced. The family requests any memorial donations be made to Northern Rivers/Parsons Child and Family

Center, 60 Academy Road, Albany, NY 12208 or the Schenectady City Mission, PO Box 760, Schenectady, NY 12301.

Online condolences may be left at [www.beyersfuneralhome.com](http://www.beyersfuneralhome.com)

Arrangements entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home and Crematory, Lady Lake, FL.

# Tribute Wall

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“ It was a pleasure working with Joan at Guilderland High School. Her many gifts and willingness to help others made a deep impact on the lives of both staff and students as she dedicated many hours both during the school day and long after. For the family she loved so much, I wish you peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead, and loving memories of Joan to forever hold in your hearts. She will be missed.

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**Susan Lafond** - July 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ Joan was my sister in cancer on our Ravelry group, Knitters With Breast Cancer. She helped me get through my treatment with kindness, and an occasional kick in the pants when needed! I met her several times in person. What a woman! She was fierce and courageous, and determined to spend her remaining time with those she loved, doing wonderful things. I admired her so much. It was a privilege to have known her. May her memory be a blessing to all.

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**Anne Burton** - July 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ Our prayers are with you...###GESTURE###

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**Juliette and François Boissinot** - July 28, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ Sympathies to Joel True and his family on the loss of his dearly beloved wife of 40 years. Prayers and thoughts are with you Joel are this profound loss in your life. Brian Barr

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**Brian Barr** - July 28, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our prayers are with you...*

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**Juliette and François Boissinot** - July 28, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *Joan Marie TRUE*

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August 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM