



## Wilma Jean (Carter) Shaw

April 25, 1936 - June 3, 2023

With heavy hearts we announce the passing of Wilma Jean (Carter) Shaw, 87, who departed one garden for another on June 3, 2023. Wilma Jean, daughter of Hobert J. Carter and Mary Emma (Jordan) Carter was born in Harrodsburg, KY and raised in FL. A longtime resident of Charleston, SC and Winter Haven, FL, she recently relocated to Seneca, SC to be near her children. Wilma Jean, having joined the U.S. Navy in 1956, was proud to be a retired U.S. Navy Veteran. After 8 years of active duty, serving as a Dental Technician, she left the Navy to marry and raise a family, later rejoining as a reservist and completing 20 years before retiring in 1996. She was a certified Master Gardener and a longtime member of the Riverland Terrace Garden Club of Charleston. She volunteered for many years as a Garden Guide at Middleton Place in Charleston and Bok Tower Gardens in Lake Wales, FL. Wilma Jean had many creative talents and interests including being an award-winning quilter, crafter, and square dancer. She was a devoted Christian known as a loving neighbor. She will be remembered most dearly for her willingness

to lift others' spirits.

She is survived by her son, David Carter Shaw (Kristie Burr); daughter, Jennifer Maxine Shaw (Kevin Comtois); their father Earl D. Shaw; siblings Maxine Rhodes, Tina Dietrich, Nelson Carter (Connie), Debbie Suwa (Akira), Kay Sandbrook Jordan (Bruce); and close cousin Al Jordan and family. She is predeceased by her brother, Stanley Carter (Charlotte) and brothers-in-law Robert Rhodes and Lee Dietrich. She will be remembered fondly by many nieces and nephews, a large extended family, and many wonderful friends.

A memorial service will be held in Florida later this year. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her name to the Lake Wales Literacy Council, Lake Wales, FL (863) 676-5767. Adult literacy held a special place in her heart in honor of her father to whom she read as a child.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Prayers for all your family.* ”

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**Rebecca Cromer** - June 15, 2023 at 05:07 PM