



Diana Jean Collins

November 12, 1939 - August 4, 2023

Diana Jean Collins (née Russey), 83, of St. Augustine, Florida, passed away peacefully after a hard brawl with cancer, on August 4, 2023. She was born on November 12, 1939, in Jacksonville, Florida.

Diana lived life with gusto. She had a passion for gardening and enjoyed growing her own datil peppers, using them to create delicious jars of sauce. Traveling and exploring new places brought her great joy. Diana also had a lifelong adoration for a variety of beloved pets including dogs, cats, a monkey, rabbits, ducks, hamsters, parrots, fish and guinea pigs.

For many years, Diana worked as a bartender at the Lazy Sands, where she served countless patrons with her vibrant personality. After the establishment closed, she continued her career as an operator at the St. John's County Courthouse until her retirement 12 years later.

Diana is survived by her son, Todd Collins; her son, William Myers; his wife, Linda Myers; her grandchildren, Roxanne Myers, Reno Myers, Kiefer Myers, and his wife, Linda Bonomo Myers, Jillian Hoang Phan, and Christopher Troung Phan; her great-grandchildren, Amelia Lorine Myers, Voli Roxanne Myers and Jude Owen Myers; She was preceded in death by her daughter, Debra Phan.

Diana will be dearly missed by her family and friends. Her memory will be cherished for her zest for life, her love for food and cocktails, gardening, cooking and gadgets as well as her genuine warmth and kindness towards others.

A private family gathering will be held to celebrate Diana's life and honor her memory.