



Vanessa Alexandria Boyd

September 20, 1947 - April 13, 2022

On Wednesday, April 13, 2022, Vanessa Alexandria Boyd, loving wife and mother of two passed away at age 74 due to cancer. Vanessa was born on September 20, 1947 in Alliance, Ohio, to William and Mildred Woolf. She studied as a classical pianist at the St. Louis Conservatory of Music, where she received a full scholarship, then later completed a Bachelor's Degree in Physical Therapy at the University of North Florida in 1996, working over 20 years, most of them at the Orange Park Medical Center, from which she retired in 2015. Vanessa married Robert (Bob) Boyd on March 12, 1983 in Key Biscayne. They moved in June of 1983 to Orange Park, where they raised their son and daughter. Vanessa is survived by daughter Mechele Prescott (son-in-law, Darrell Prescott), and son Micheal Boyd (daughter-in-law, Lisa Boyd), and her five grandchildren: Austin Boyd, Taylor Boyd, Zack Prescott, Ryan Prescott, and Tyler Prescott. She is also survived by her sister, Janet Gillis, and brother, Don Woolf. Her parents and older brother, David Woolf, preceded her in death.

Vanessa's love of music and skill as a pianist resulted in many beautiful original compositions, played to the delight of many audiences. One could see and feel the music come to life as she played so expressively and evocatively. Vanessa loved the Florida Striders Children's Run/Walk Program, coordinating the program for many years. Vanessa also fell in love with Acadia National Park and built a home there in 2008 so that she could divide her year between

her Bar Harbor and Orange Park homes. She loved travel, visiting many National Parks before taking several Expedition cruises in recent years to Antarctica, the Arctic, Alaska, and the Galapagos, in addition to a 10 week Miami to Bali adventure. Her favorite location, however, was hiking the Carriage trails of Acadia National Park near her home. She leaves a legacy of kindness, love, service, and beautiful original music.

Vanessa decided to donate her body to science. We would request that, in lieu of flowers, that you honor Vanessa with a donation to either your favorite cause, or one of hers. Checks for the Florida Striders Children's Run/Walk Program can be sent to Florida Striders (https://floridastriders.com/cs/floridastriders/donation.donation?donationalform=2&num=803106395&page_id=42), and mailed to Bill Krause, 3041 Bridlewood Lane, Jacksonville, FL 32257. The Florida Striders are a 501c3 organization. Friends of Acadia (<https://friendsofacadia.org/membership-giving/donate/>), PO Box 45, Bar Harbor, ME 04609 or Support & Donate to Friends of Acadia in Bar Harbor Maine (<https://friendsofacadia.org/membership-giving/donate/>). The Alzheimer's Foundation, Alzheimer's Association | Donate to Fight Alzheimer's Disease (https://act.alz.org/site/Donation2?df_id=32112&32112.donation=form1&utm_source=google&utm_medium=paidsearch&utm_campaign=google_giving&s_subsrc=giving&gclid=EAlalQobChMIzc7tosuT9wIV3sizCh2npQTLEAAYASABEgI0ZfD_BwE), or the Foundation Fighting Blindness, FFB Donation Website (<https://donate.fightingblindness.org/give>). And, of course, the American Cancer Society, Help save a life. I just did (<https://donate.fightingblindness.org/give>). Wherever your heart leads you will be perfect. Memorial plans are not determined at this time but we will keep all informed in the months ahead.

Tribute Wall



“ *St. Johns Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Vanessa Alexandria Boyd*



St. Johns Family Funeral Home - April 20, 2022 at 09:04 AM

RH

It was a pleasure in knowing such a Beautiful Soul. Her beautiful smile always lite up the rehab office.

*Our deepest condolences Bob.
We are here for you Bob.*

Richard Harper - April 20, 2022 at 07:38 PM

JL

Still in disbelief RIP gone but never forgotten.

Jerimiah Lattimore - April 21, 2022 at 08:03 PM

RB

*Roberta Boyd
To know her was to love her and I knew her very, very well.*

Roberta Boyd - April 21, 2022 at 10:25 PM

VJ

I worked with both Bob and Vanessa at BellSouth in the early 1980s. She was as beautiful on the inside as she was on the outside. I actually had her in mind when we named our youngest daughter "Vanessa". Sending special thoughts and prayers to Bob, family, and friends who were blessed to have known this wonderful lady.

Vivian Jerrell - April 24, 2022 at 01:30 PM

LR

Great memories working with Bob and Vanessa many years ago. Especially remember how excited she was in being accepted into the Therapy Program at UNF. For years looked forward to the annual Christmas letters to learn of their latest adventures. She will be missed!

Lyle Reimann

Lyle Reimann - April 24, 2022 at 04:10 PM

AL

“ *I am so sorry to hear of Vanessa's passing. My sincerest condolences for the family. She was such kind and beautiful soul.*

Amy Lindahl - May 03, 2022 at 10:13 AM

CS

“ *I worked at the hospital in the rehab department with Vanessa. Her smile and tender heart touched her coworkers and patients. She was a light and her spirit was genuine. I will always remember her in that way.*

Cheryl Simpson - May 02, 2022 at 06:59 AM

PF

“ *Video clip of Vanessa playing one of her original compositions on the piano in Maine, Video courtesy of Karen and John Martinez. Thank you.*



Paula Boyd Farrington - April 28, 2022 at 05:23 PM

PF

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Paula Boyd Farrington - April 26, 2022 at 05:55 PM

WM

“ *Vanessa enhanced our lives for many summers in Bar Harbor, Maine and our moments with her were filled with joy - loving her, loving her music. We always looked forward to any opportunity to be with Vanessa and Bob, wanting one more chance to laugh and connect with them. The memory of Vanessa playing her own compositions with such passion and proficiency stays with us vividly.*

*Vanessa leaves a legacy of kindness, sweetness, and joie de vivre. We are missing her and sending our deepest sympathy and love to Bob, who didn't miss a beat in enriching Vanessa's life.
Winston and Wendy Moody*

Winston and Wendy Moody - April 25, 2022 at 09:24 AM

EC

“ *Bob, I don't know what to say. I'm sure my words are inadequate, yet reading your words, of love, brought many tears. Please accept my sincere sympathy and may the Lord comfort your heart and give you peace in the coming days ---
Everett Crum*

Everett Crum - April 24, 2022 at 11:00 PM

PF

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Paula Boyd Farrington - April 24, 2022 at 11:42 AM

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Paula Boyd Farrington - April 24, 2022 at 11:40 AM

PF

“ *For all her petiteness, Vanessa made such a huge loving difference in all our lives. She was such a delightful, caring, and cool sister-in-law—truly a life pulse of joy—and a cherished part of our family. So grateful my brother found Vanessa and fell in love with her. I feel so blessed to have known her beautiful heart and the thoughtful ways she shared her vibrant energy and talents with family, friends, and the community. Will miss Vanessa so much and I know that a bright bright light like hers always shines on. Her gentleness and compassion was a true strength and inspiration. Deep condolences to my dear brother, Bob, and to Mechele and Micheal and everyone in the wide circle of family and friends who were lucky enough to have the marvelous and amazing Vanessa in their lives. Love you forever, Vanessa.*

Paula Boyd Farrington - April 22, 2022 at 05:41 PM

GS

“ Mechele, I am so sorry for your loss. My condolences to you and your family.....

Geraldine S. - April 21, 2022 at 01:05 PM

KM

“ Vanessa was one of the kindest people I have ever known. Always a bright smile and a warm hug. Passionate about life, love, and good health. My favorite “petite superwoman.” I will miss her greatly. My sincerest condolences and prayers to Bob and family.

Karen McCormick - April 20, 2022 at 10:52 PM

TH

“ Our prayers are with the family. Vanessa was a beautiful soul.

Tom and Shirley Henkel - April 20, 2022 at 06:43 PM

SS

“ I am so sorry for your family’s loss. Vanessa was one of the sweetest people I’ve ever met. Signing up for Bob’s beginning runner class was a life changing event for myself and my husband, and led to many lifelong friendships, along with a love for fitness, and I will forever be grateful to both Boyds for that. Their love for each other was also precious to watch, and had led to #marriagegoals.

Staci Suits - April 20, 2022 at 06:23 PM

AB

“ Allen Benson lit a candle in memory of
Vanessa Alexandria Boyd



Allen Benson - April 20, 2022 at 04:38 PM

PB

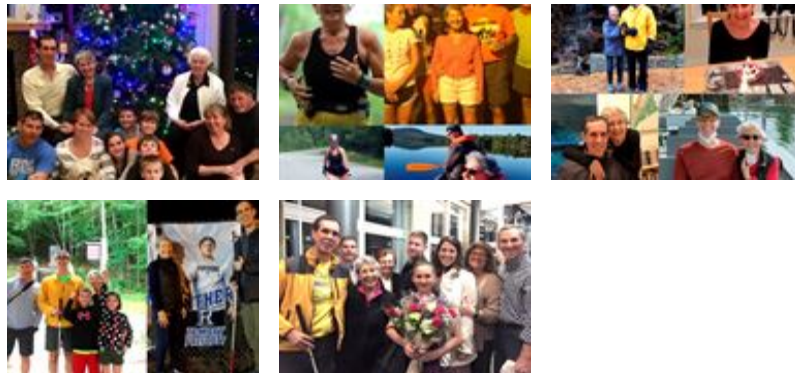
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Paula Boyd - April 20, 2022 at 11:35 AM



“ 15 files added to the album Life Tributes



St. Johns Family Funeral Home - April 20, 2022 at 09:02 AM