



Joan Wilson Zink

December 17, 1928 - November 22, 2023

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Joan Wilson Zink died on Nov. 22, 2023, under hospice care at the Ted and Diane Brandley House in Summerfield after a sudden illness. She was 94.

Ms. Zink lived in Deland and was an award-winning author, playwright, composer and poet who wrote her first poem at age 8. She would go on to have her articles and poetry published worldwide. Her works focused on meditation, healing, the mystical experience, and universal brotherhood. In addition to her writing, Ms. Zink and her late husband, David, traveled the world in search of adventure and answers to previous civilizations' mysteries and published several books together. She enjoyed sailing, mountain climbing and hiking as well.

Born in Tulsa, Okla., on Dec. 17, 1928, to Paul and Gladys Wilson, Ms. Zink would go on to meet her husband, David Daniel Zink, while they both were attending the University of Colorado.

Ms. Zink is survived by a daughter, Laurie W. Zink, of Ocala, Fla.; a grandson, Dylan M. Menard, of Gainesville, Fla.; a granddaughter, Brittany Taylor Visser, of Studio City, Calif.; and a sister, Lois Winchester, of Collinsville, Okla. She was preceded in death by her parents; her ex-husband, David Zink; and her son, David Paul Zink.

A celebration of life service is planned for Sunday, Dec. 17, at The Tiki-Smyrna Yacht Club at 2pm, on her heavenly 95th birthday.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Ms. Zink's name to the Marion County Literacy Council or the Ted and Diane Brandley Hospice House in Summerfield, Fla.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

DEC 17. 2:00 PM.

Tiki- Smyrna Yacht Club

Tribute Wall

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“ I met Joan in the early two thousands when I was working in an oral surgery office in New Smyrna Beach. When she checked out I noticed her last name and told her I had recently purchased a book in an antique store in Deland called 'The Stones of Atlantis,' written by David Zink. She responded, "That's my ex-husband, and our picture is on the inside cover." When I went home, I looked, and saw it. Joan was living in New Smyrna at the time. We often went out for happy hour and appetizers, had many meaningful conversations, and she even attended a presentation my child did at the Lions Club about a book called 'Hope Lives Here.' Joan influenced me in many ways and truly aided in my spiritual growth. I'm sad to see that she has passed but I want you to know what an important person Joan was in my life. I'll never forget her.

Tamara Sowers - July 02, 2025 at 12:03 PM

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“ Sweet Joan, It was such a pleasure to work for you as Service Coordinator at your residence. You are a lovely , intelligent and kind lady. It was a pleasure to know you and you will be missed. Blessings to your family. Sincerely,Doris Padgett

Doris Padgett - November 26, 2023 at 08:08 PM