



Luanne Markowitz

December 31, 1969 - November 25, 2015

Obituary of Luanne Markowitz
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Luanne Marie Markowitz, aged 61, of Ocala Florida, passed away peacefully in the care of loved ones and staff at Hospice of Marion County, Estelle's House on November 25, 2015. Luanne was born in Ohio and raised in South Florida, where she graduated from Deerfield Beach High School in 1972. She began her lifelong pursuit of knowledge at Baylor University in Waco, Texas where she received her Bachelor of Arts degree. She went on to receive her Bachelor of Science Nursing from Case Western University in Ohio. Luanne's selfless devotion to the care of others began with her passion for her profession which took her as far away as Nicaragua, caring for children, and to Africa teaching. In the 1970s Luanne joined Volunteers In Service to America (VISTA) where she served as a Group Home Counselor for the developmentally disabled in Montana. She also worked with the Indian Health Service at different times during her career, both as a nurse in Phoenix, Arizona in the 1980s and again as a Certified Nurse Midwife in the 1990s. Her love for mothers and babies brought Luanne to Africa. Working with the Medical Mission Sisters, she taught midwifery at their clinic in Berekum, Ghana. In 2001, Luanne furthered her studies obtaining her ARNP (Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner) license in Family Practice at the University of Florida. She moved to Ocala, Florida and joined the Midwives of Ocala, where she worked until 2012. Luanne is survived by her life partner Janice Tschudi. Preceded in death by her father Burton Paul Markowitz, Luanne is survived by

her mother Lucille Markowitz, sisters Tina Scheerer and Charice Markowitz, nieces Valyn O'Quinn and Jena Scheerer and great nieces Kendal and Jeslyn O'Quinn, and her Aunt Rosemary & Cousin Cheryl. Those wishing to honor Luanne with a charitable donation may consider contributions to the following charities: www.medicalmissionsisters.org, DoctorsWithoutBorders.org/Donate, www.oxfam.org, and hospiceofmarion.com

Tribute Wall

PH

“ Luanne has been an inspiration and joy to many the world over. We are all better for having known Luanne. Thank you Luanne for coming into our lives and walking with us, though it seems too briefly.

Phyllis - December 04, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LV

“ I met Luanne when she came to Ghana as a volunteer for the Medical Mission Sisters. She taught at the nursing school and I worked as a medical officer. As I supervised the Delivery Rooms and Maternity Ward and my house was next to hers we met regular. She was passionate about her students and the patients. The time in Ghana was not easy for her, but that never did intervene with her work. We did not always agree (by example on the rearing of my Ghanaian ward) but we had fun together. Also as a group of mixed expatriates and Ghanaian living on the compound. As the two only single women (besides the Sisters) we started spending time together both traveling in Ghana and one visit to Greece. We met ther, me coming from Ghana and Luanne after a visit to Italy with her mother and sister where all her things including passport and ticket got stolen. I had a visit with her in the US where she took me to Las Vegas as she thought it was good for my education. In later days I passed by in Florida with a Ghanaian friend where she lived at that time and we saw another side of her. Very passionate not only about her work and patients, but also about her family. As we lived many years very separate as I left Ghana only recently we never stayed into close contact in the later years. But also in the past we had contact after years in between and picked it up very easily, so I never thought I would not meet her again. But looking at the pictures she is still the same as me and my Ghanaian contacts remember her: joking, laughing and serious about a lot of things.

Lucia Visser - December 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ *What an amazing person and life she lived here on earth. She is free and watching over everyone now with that infectious smile, attitude and laughter. I owe her so much for the comforts she has given my family for decades. We Love you and please watch over us!!*

Chris Smith - December 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *She was my Godmother and a great friend. When I was 6 she took me to Florida and (to my memory anyhow) it was my first time being on an Airplane. I had a little plastic car she was persuasive enough to convince me was KIT from "Knight Rider" though it was really just a station wagon. I have memories from that trip that I am shocked to have retained all these years and Luanne was, no doubt, the force behind that. She had that beautiful energy about her that made everything so much more interesting or funny. She was an amazing person and I miss her dearly. She is not gone, however. She never will be. She lives on in my memory alone and I know that I am just one of many people whose lives she touched who may feel the same way. We ere all one of those people that were lucky enough to have had the chance to know her and share parts of our lives together, even if only for a brief time. For that I am grateful and I can say without hesitation that we are all better for knowing Luanne Markowitz . I love you Lulu. Be at peace. Love always, Jonathan Champagne*

Jonathan Champagne - December 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SP

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Sarah and Corey Peeples - December 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AF

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Amy Williams & Family - December 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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Tina - December 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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Charice - December 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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Ace & Jessica Tschudi - December 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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Amy Williams & Family - December 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ *Charice, Lucille and Tina, We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Luann lived quite a life and I know she will be missed dearly. She touched hearts all around the world, what an accomplishment. I know that she and her Dad are now reunited and watching over you all with smiles on their faces. Love, Kristi and Carmen*

Kristi Linne - December 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SG

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Sindi Garns - December 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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Patricia O. Galloway - December 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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Amy Williams & Family - December 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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Christopher Tschudi - December 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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Sheila Carr - December 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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Crystal & Justin Bailey - December 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM



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LB

“ Luanne always was so positive....always had a smile and a kind or humorous word.....I never heard her complain even during her most difficult times.....she was never cynical or angry....but met life's challenges head on.....she was an inspiration to all who crossed her path..... What I remember most is her dedication to her patients.....she truly connected with them and gave them all her energy, skill and knowledge.....she provided compassionate professional care to so many women and touched the lives of hundreds of mothers and babies.....it was truly a gift..... I personally witnessed her taking her own money out of her wallet to give to a young mother to buy medicine for her child.....I am sure this happened a lot.....she really connected with her patients and their families on a personal level and they felt this.....they knew she cared.....she was very genuine..... She left her mark on many hearts.....I will truly miss her.....I trust she is at peace.....

Leigh Bakerl - December 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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Debi Neverman - December 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LG

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JK

“ Thank you, Luanne--for 33 years of your loving friendship on this earth. Walking this journey with you has made the trip an adventure and in all truth you had to pick me up more times than I did you. But some of the best times of my life I've had with you. I will walk the rest of my journey holding you and those memories close to my heart. Rest in peace my dear friend. My condolences go out to Luanne's loving partner Janice and to her mother, sisters, and nieces. My prayers are for you to let Luanne's love guide you and bring you solace during this time of grief. Joan

Joan Dalton Keith - November 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM



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