



Nevajoyce Eloise Underwood Heilman

April 12, 1956 - April 5, 2025

Nevajoyce Eloise Underwood Heilman, 68, of Ocklawaha, Florida passed away on April 5, 2025

at Ted & Diane Brandley Hospice House in Summerfield, FL.

Nevajoyce was born in Ocala, Florida to Foy N. and Bruniese Underwood on April 12, 1956. She

went to Forest High School where she graduated in 1974. She worked as a bookkeeper at

Certified Grocers and Jiffy lube for several years before running Heilman's Nursery and

Landscaping with her husband of 42 years, Richard Heilman. Heilman's Nursery and Landscaping owned and operated a large plant nursery, landscaping and land clearing operation.

Nevajoyce was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and friend who loved serving others.

She enjoyed reading, traveling, walking, playing Euchre, cooking (especially for others), flowers,

spending time with family and friends, above all her daughter and granddaughters. She and her

granddaughters enjoyed painting rocks and placing them in places around Ocala for people to

find. She walked 3 to 6 miles every day for the past few years and enjoyed walking 5K's as well.

Through the years, Nevajoyce baked hundreds of delicious pecan pies for family, friends, and business partners at Christmastime. She loved making strawberry freezer jam so she could share it with others as well. Nevajoyce was loved by so many and is greatly missed!!

Nevajoyce is survived by her husband, Richard Heilman of Ocklawaha, FL; daughter, Amber Heilman of Ocala; granddaughters, Cloey and Kinley of Ocala; siblings Roy (Linda) Underwood, Ocala; Lenojo (Don) Carter, Ocala; Nenajoy (John) King, Grand Junction, CO; Benachoice (Tom) Caruthers, Wildwood, FL; Toy (Tori) Underwood, Pedro, FL; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. She is preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral service will be held at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, FL on April 14 th at 10:00. A

Celebration of Life covered dish will be April 15 th at Church of Hope, 3233 SE Maricamp Rd, suite 300, Ocala from 11:30-1:30.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Hospice of Marion County, PO Box 4860 Ocala, FL.

34478-4860. The family wishes to extend their gratitude to the ladies at Ted & Diane Brandley

Hospice House for lovingly taking care of Nevajoyce.

Cemetery Details

Florida National Cemetery

6502 SW 102nd Avenue
Bushnell, FL 33513

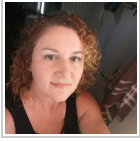
Previous Events

Graveside Service

APR **14**. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Dear NevaJoyce, you came up in my thoughts today. I'm part of a garden club now, I know you would love that!! I thought of you often over the years, it was about 23 years ago I worked for you and Your Husband Richard. I moved away and we lost touch and I'm so sad to find that when I finally go to the interwebs to find you again I only find this Obituary. Sounds like you had a great life. So happy you experienced being a Grandma! You were a great teacher to me. Every plant I touch makes me remember the amazing time I had working at your 'little' nursery! Peace and Love to your family and to you most of all until we meet again in Heavens Gardens!! Love, Carri Thibodeaux Dupree

Carri Thibodeaux-Dupree - July 10, 2025 at 10:21 AM

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“ My deepest condolences on the passing of a dear friend. Although your acquaintance was brief, the impact of your friendship clearly extended beyond those two years I got to know you. My thoughts and prayers are with the family during this difficult time.

Alice Demorest - April 13, 2025 at 07:37 PM